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## KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

### TIME-TABLE.

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#### UP TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 2	No. 8	No. 10	No. 6	No. 12	No. 14	No. 16	No. 18	No. 20	No. 22	No. 24	No. 26	No. 28
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	Noon	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Kowloon.....Dep.	6.45	8.05	8.25	9.15	10.15	12.00	1.15	2.30	4.02	4.41	5.58	7.40	
Tsimshui.....Dep.	6.48	8.08	8.28	9.18	10.18	12.03	1.18	2.33	4.05	4.44	5.61	7.43	
Shatin.....Dep.	7.00	8.20	8.40	9.30	10.30	12.15	1.30	2.45	4.17	4.56	6.13	7.55	
Taipei.....Dep.	7.14	8.34	8.54	9.44	10.44	12.29	1.44	3.00	4.32	5.11	6.28	8.10	
Taipei Market.....Dep.	7.19	8.39	8.59	9.49	10.49	12.34	1.49	3.15	4.47	5.26	6.43	8.25	
Fanning.....Dep.	7.30	8.50	9.10	10.00	11.00	12.45	2.00	3.30	5.02	5.41	6.58	8.40	
Shungshui.....Dep.	7.35	8.55	9.15	10.05	11.05	12.50	2.05	3.35	5.07	5.46	7.03	8.45	
Shunshan.....Dep.	7.41	9.01	9.21	10.11	11.11	12.56	2.11	3.41	5.13	5.52	7.09	8.51	
Canton.....Arr.		11.32		5.40				7.23					

#### DOWN TRAINS

STATIONS	No. 1	No. 3	No. 5	No. 7	No. 9	No. 11	No. 13	No. 15	No. 17	No. 19	No. 21	No. 23	No. 25
	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	A.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.	P.M.
Canton.....Dep.				7.50								4.15	
Shunshan.....Dep.				7.17	8.03	8.55	10.34	11.38	2.35	4.23	5.10	7.01	7.41
Shungshui.....Dep.				7.24	8.10	9.02		11.45	2.42	4.30	5.17		7.15
Fanning.....Dep.				7.29	8.14	9.06		11.50	2.47	4.35	5.22		
Taipei Market.....Dep.				7.40	8.25	9.17		12.01	2.58	4.46	5.33		
Taipei.....Dep.				7.45	8.30	9.22		12.06	3.03	4.49	5.36		
Shatin.....Dep.				7.58	8.43	9.35		12.19	3.16	5.02	5.49		
Tsimshui.....Dep.				8.11	8.56	9.48		12.32	3.27	5.14	7.01		
Kowloon.....Arr.		8.17	9.01	10.54	11.13	12.58	3.33	5.20	7.07	7.30	7.54		

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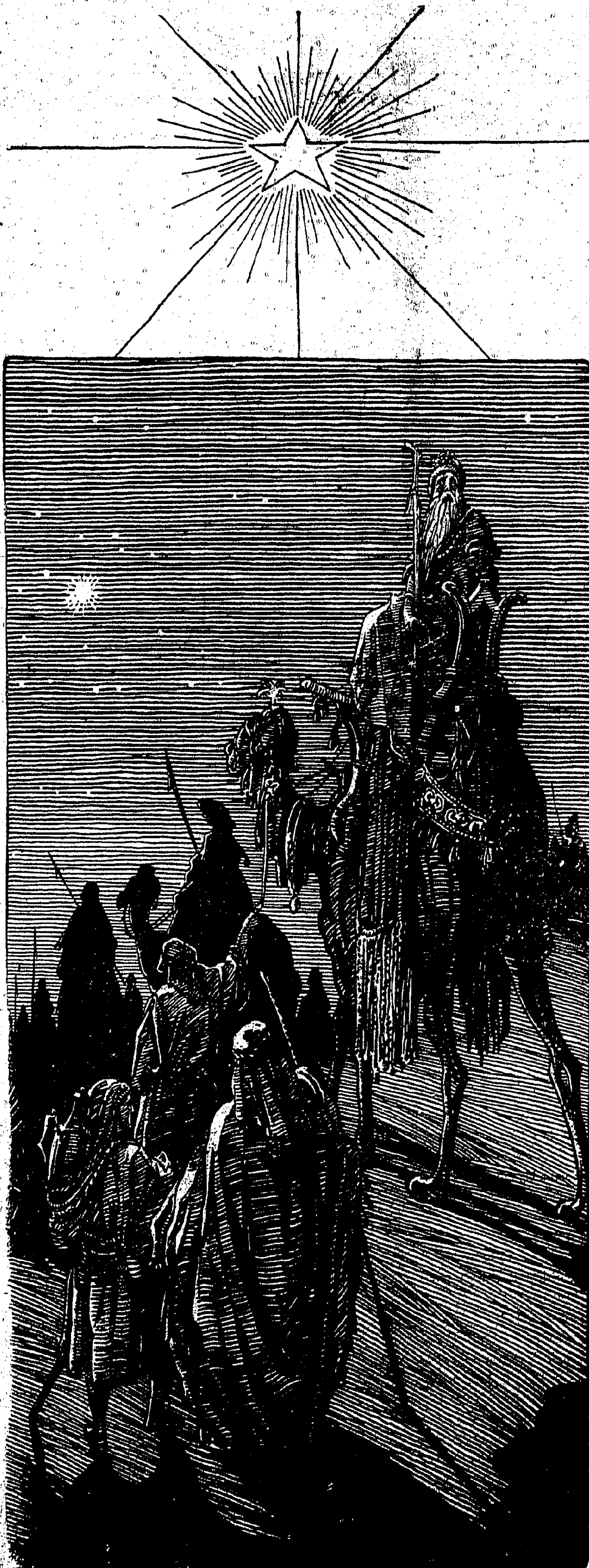
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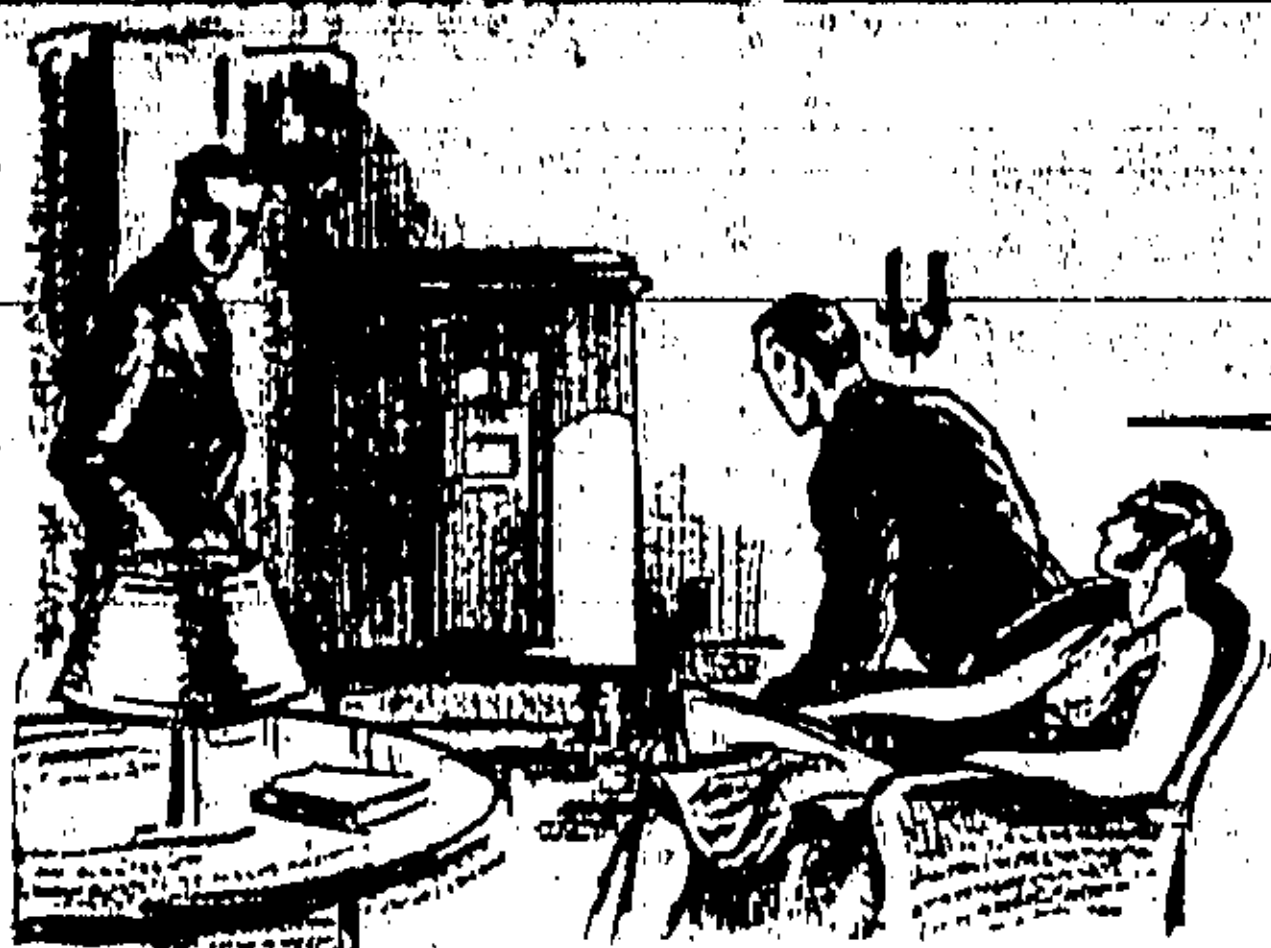
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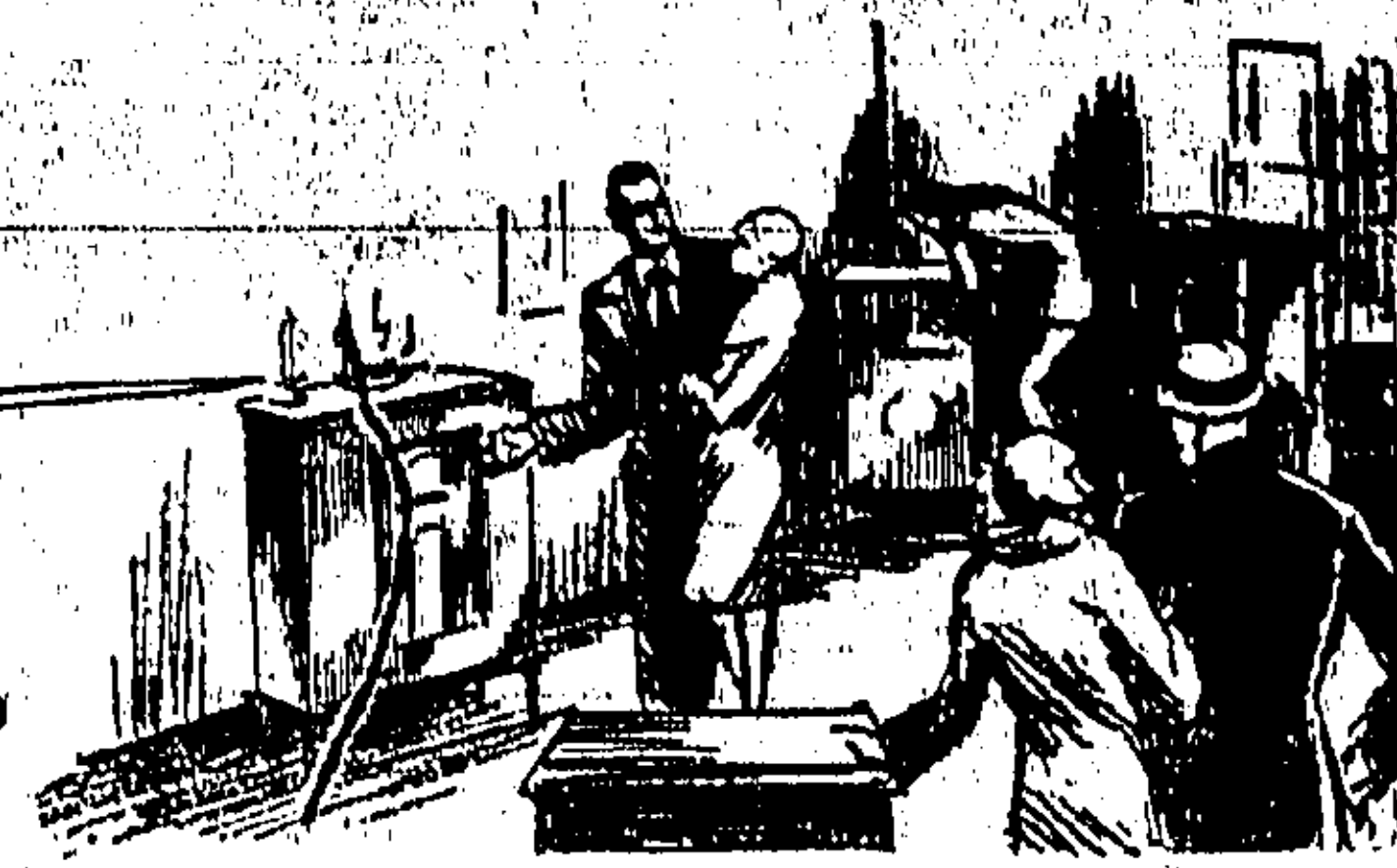
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## VARIABLE CONDENSERS AND IMPEDANCE.

There are several types of variable condenser, aren't there?

Yes, there are no less than four available at the present time.

What are they?

There's first of all the original straight line capacity pattern.

Then we have the square-law, or straight-line wavelength. Next

there is the straight-line frequency and lastly the logarithmic.

Which is the best to use?

We can rule out the straight-line capacity condensed for tuning purposes to-day.

How is that?

Since in a tuned circuit the wavelength varies as the square of the capacity we must quadruple the capacity to obtain double the wavelength.

I follow that.

If we double the capacity the wavelength is increased not twice, but the square root of two times, which is roughly 1.4 times.

What is the result practically?

It follows that whether we work in wavelengths or in kilocycles, the calibration chart of any circuit provided with this kind of condenser will always show a curved line. The exact shape of the curve cannot be determined unless the reading for very large number of stations are used.

That certainly is a drawback.

The straight-line wavelength condenser has vanes so shaped that the further and further meshing of the moving with the fixed, produces a regular increase in the wavelengths to which the circuit is tuned.

Which means?

That if two stations are tuned in, one of which requires a dial reading of, say, 30 divisions and the other one of 80 divisions a calibration chart can be made by plotting condenser readings, against wavelengths in metres and ruling a straight line between the two points.

That seems a big advantage.

It is. But to-day we have another point to consider.

What is that?

If interference is to be avoided it is frequencies, rather than wavelengths that count.

How do you mean?

Well, it has been established that the absolute minimum separation between stations, if heterodynes are to be avoided is 8 or 10 kilocycles. This is due to the fact that broadcast transmissions take place not on single sharply defined wavelengths but on bands of wavelengths.

What does that involve?

Up at the top of the broadcast band a 10-kilocycle separation means a wavelength difference of several metres. Down near the bottom it means a wavelength separation of two metres or less.

I begin to see what you are after.

The square law condenser gives a wide separation of stations on higher wavelengths but produces bad crowding at the lower end of the band.

Then for general use you would recommend nowadays the straight-line frequency condenser.

In most cases, I most certainly would. But there is one important exception.

Please explain.

It is impossible to make two circuits such as those of a high-frequency valve and a detector work quite in step, when either S.L.W. or S.L.F. condensers are used. In other words these circuits cannot be "ganged," or be provided with a single tuning dial, with complete satisfaction.

What is the remedy?

The use of the logarithmic condenser, which permits the ganging in a very satisfactory way of two or even three circuits. With condensers of this type it is possible to effect one-control operation simply by placing small correcting or balancing condensers across each separate circuit included in the gang-control arrangement.

## IMPEDANCE.

Is valve impedance the same thing as plate-filament resistance?

No. Something absolutely different.

Well, perhaps you will tell me first of all about plate-filament resistance.

That's a varying figure which depends upon filament temperature, plate voltage, and grid-biasing voltage. But it remains constant of course for any particular adjustment of these three. You find the plate-filament resistance by Ohm's law, simply by dividing plate volts by plate current. If, for example, a valve with 100 volts on the plate passes 10 milliamperes of current with a given grid bias, then the plate-filament resistance is 100 divided by .01 amperes or 10,000 ohms. Those actually are the figures for the Marconi P410 valve, but the impedance of this valve is 5,000 ohms only.

I think I begin to see daylight. Valve resistance is concerned with direct current only and valve impedance with oscillating currents—isn't that so?

That's it exactly. Now as you know an oscillating impulse produces changing volts and changing currents. To find the direct-current resistance of the valve we divide the plate voltage by the plate current. The impedance is found by dividing the change in plate volts by the change in plate current.

I follow the idea, but just what do you mean by the change in plate volts?

If you look at a family of valve curves you find that characteristics are plotted for different plate voltages. In that of the P410, for example, there are curves for 75, 100, 125, and 150 anode volts.

I see.

In other words, if you compare the 75-volt characteristic with the 100-volt you see the difference produced by a change in plate volts of 25.

Now, if you look at the family you will see that the plate current with 100 volts H.T. and no grid bias is 15 milliamperes. Change the plate voltage by 25, or in other words reduce it to 75, and the plate current goes down to 10. It follows that taking 100 plate volts as a basis, a change of 25 volts produces a 5-milliamperes change in current.

To find the impedance we divide 25 volts by .005 amperes and the answer is 5,000. Actually, if you have the data for the amplification factor and the mutual conductance you can find the impedance at once by dividing the mutual conductance into the amplification factor and adding on three noughts. Here the amplification factor is 7.5 and the mutual conductance 1.5. Again we get the answer 5,000.

Why do the makers always give the impedance and so on at grid bias zero?

I have often wondered, for these figures are quite misleading. The actual impedance, mutual conductance and amplification factor of a valve are totally different under working conditions with a strong grid bias. The amplification factor and the impedance go up and the mutual conductance naturally goes down. Another time we will discuss just what the amplification factor is.

## JUDGE TRIES ON KNUCKLE DUSTER.

Mr. Justice Wright showed keen interest in a knuckle duster which figured in a charge of robbery with violence at Glamorgan Assizes. He made a close inspection of the weapon, and, having fitted it on to his hand, conferred with the High Sheriff who was sitting on the bench.

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## HAVE YOU HEARD THESE?

Here are lists of long-wave and short-wave stations which should be picked up by anyone in Hong Kong who has a moderately good set suitable for receiving such signals. Success in picking up these stations also depends very largely upon favourable atmospheric conditions. Readers are invited to add to this list should they succeed in picking up any station not included in either of these lists.

### LONG-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave length (Metres)	Station	Call Sign	Kilocycles
960	Manila	K.Z.I.B.	1,188
977	Shanghai	K.S.M.S.	1,033
346	Tokyo	J.O.A.K.	870
363	Hiroshima	J.O.F.K.	860
365	Hong Kong	Z.B.W.	846
357.1	Bombay	V.U.B.	840
361	Sapporo	J.O.I.K.	830
366	Kiyo	J.O.D.K.	820
370	Nagoya	J.O.C.K.	810
370.4	Cebu	V.U.C.	809.9
380	Kumamoto	J.O.G.K.	780
390	Sendai	J.O.H.K.	770
398	Dairen	J.O.A.K.	760
400	Osaka	J.O.B.K.	750
410	Canton	C.M.B.	730
480	Manila	K.Z.B.M.	625

### SHORT-WAVE STATIONS.

Wave length (Metres)	STATION	CALL SIGN	Kilo Cycles	TIME (HONG KONG) OF WORKING
67.65	Dobitz (Germany)	A.F.K.	4,434	Mon., Wed. & Fri., 6 p.m. & 2 a.m.
60.12	Khabarovsk (Russia)	R.A.97.	4,990	6-10 p.m.
59.7	Nauyas	A.G.J.	5,201	Not regular
50.	Moscow	R.F.N.	6,000	Tue., Thurs., Sat., 8 p.m.
48.5	Rome	I.M.A.	6,208	Sunday midnight
42.	Porth	G.A.G.	7,142	Daily 8.30 p.m. & 11 p.m.
41.8	Singapore	V.S.I.A.B.	7,210	Not regular
38.8	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	7,730	Daily 11 p.m.
37.	Bangkok (Siam)	H.S.4.P.J.	8,108	Tues. & Fri., 9 p.m.—1 a.m.
32.6	Sydney	B.L.L.	9,230	Not regular
31.65	Melbourne	B.L.L.	9,508	Not regular
31.48	Schenectady	W.2.X.A.F.	9,830	Daily 7 a.m.
31.20	Brindavan (Holland)	P.C.I.	9,920	Fri. 3 a.m., Sat. 3 a.m. & 10 a.m.
31.25	Sydney	F.F.C.	9,960	Not regular
31.	Nairobi (Kenya)	7.L.O.	9,977	Midnight daily
28.5	Sydney	2.M.E.	10,628	Not regular
27.8	Bandoeng	P.L.R.	11,021	Midnight—3 a.m. only
26.58	Chelmsford (England)	S.S.W.	11,751	7.30 p.m. & 8 a.m. daily, except Saturday and Sunday
24.5	Manila	K.I.X.B.	12,240	Nightly
23.38	Schenectady	W.X.O.	12,850	4 a.m. Wed., Fri., Sat.
18.88	Bandoeng	P.L.G.	16,102	Daily 6.30 p.m. to midnight
18.4	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.L.	16,304	Daily 7 p.m.
17.4	Bandoeng	P.L.F.	17,280	Daily 8 p.m. to midnight
16.9	Bangkok	H.S.I.P.J.	17,751	Sundays 7 p.m. & midnight
16.74	Kootwijk (Holland)	P.C.K.	18,404	Each afternoon
16.5	Bandoeng	P.L.E.	18,220	Daily 7.30—7 p.m.
15.6	Nancy (France)	—	19,861	Daily 3 a.m.
13.92	Pittsburg	W.S.X.K.	21,640	Not regular

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the recovery of the gold in the  
sunken liner Egypt, lost in the Bay  
of Biscay, writes a famous deep-  
sea diver in a London journal. It  
is merely a matter of time before  
one more great feat of human in-  
genuity and endurance will have  
been accomplished.

The success of the enterprise, as  
romantic as any in fiction, has de-  
pended entirely upon the work of  
the divers, who with infinite pa-  
tience and great fortitude have over-  
come the odds which Nature has set  
against the venture in the deep.

Diving calls for courage of a very  
special brand, for physique above  
the ordinary, and, judging by the  
divers I have known a characteristic  
mental outlook—a sort of optimistic  
fatalism.

A diver's first descent is a curious  
experience. With your heavily-  
weighted feet in water you sink  
quickly, and for a moment you feel  
certain that the descent will be too  
fast for the paying out of the air-  
pipe. But as, with hand on the  
last rung of the ladder, you allow  
yourself to submerge, you feel the  
buoyancy of the air-filled suit and  
headpiece taking the load, and you  
regain confidence.

#### FIRST SENSATIONS.

You grope above to make sure  
all is well with pipe and line; feel  
in your belt to see that the iron-  
sheathed knife is there, and, may-  
be, torch and case of tools; and  
then, after a last "O.K." signal  
from those above, let go.

You go down fairly fast for the  
first three or four fathoms; and  
what with the feeling of insecurity,  
the deepening gloom, and an cerio  
sense of utter isolation, you have  
little time to appreciate any phy-  
sical changes. But if you allow  
yourself to drop too fast you soon  
feel the "squeeze," as divers call  
it, and must check the drop.

When at last you reach the bottom  
you feel helpless for a minute or  
so, as if you alone bore the weight  
of the universe. But presently,  
when muscles are accustomed to the  
extra demands upon them and the  
system has become used to the con-  
ditions, you can move about freely,  
although slowly.

The light below varies consider-  
ably with the geographical position.  
In some places in the East daylight  
penetrates sufficiently for the diver  
to see at his greatest depth. But  
beneath most English waters there  
is a fearsome gloom.

#### PERILS OF THE DEEP.

Generally, the diver has little to  
fear if there is no interference with  
his lines, especially in Northern  
latitudes, but there are records of  
thrilling adventures in the Eastern  
world under the sea. One diver  
suddenly found himself enveloped  
by thick, jelly-like seaweed, which  
snapped his telephone cable and all  
but carried away his air-pipe. He  
got free only after half an hour's  
hacking with his knife, when he  
was on the point of exhaustion. As  
he cut the curious stuff away from  
his head, the weed appeared im-  
mediately to close up its wound.

Another diver was attacked by  
an octopus. The foul thing got one  
huge tentacle round him before he  
was aware of it—instinct alone can  
give warning, unless the danger lies  
dead ahead—and he was out of  
reach of his shot-line. He was able  
to free himself with his knife, but  
was almost caught again as he  
struggled with heart-breaking slow-  
ness towards his line.

Sharks form perhaps the greatest  
danger of all to divers. Their at-  
tack is capricious, yet swift and  
terrible. Telephone cable, air-tube,  
and shot-line might be severed with  
one snap of powerful jaws; the  
effect of an attack on the diver him-  
self can readily be visualised.

### DIARY OF LOCAL EVENTS.

#### TODAY.

(December 25.)

Christmas Day.  
Public Holiday.  
Christmas Services at St. John's  
Cathedral, St. Andrew's Church,  
Kowloon, St. Peter's Church, West  
Point, Union Church, Hong Kong,  
Union Church, Kowloon, Methodist  
Church, St. Joseph's Church, Gar-  
den Road, Catholic Cathedral and  
Rosary Church, Kowloon.  
Hockey: Radio Sports Club v.  
German Club.  
Football: England v. Scotland,  
Club ground.  
Golf: Christmas Fixtures.  
Queen's Theatre: "Sporting  
Blood."  
Central Theatre: "The Texan."  
King's Theatre: "The Girl  
Habit."  
Star Theatre: "Call of the  
Flesh."  
Majestic Theatre: "Cohens and  
Kellys in Africa."  
World Theatre: "Yu Tong Chun"  
(Chinese film).  
Ten Dances at King's Restaurant  
and Hong Kong Hotel; Dinner  
Dances at Hong Kong Hotel, Pen-  
insula Hotel and King's Restaurant.  
European Mail:—Outward:  
Europe via Suez (Suva Maru)  
noon.

#### SATURDAY.

(December 26.)

Boxing Day.  
Opening of New Pavilion, Civil  
Service Cricket Club, Happy Val-  
ley, 3 p.m.  
Cricket:—Kowloon C.C. v. Navy  
(F.), 11 a.m.; University v. Indian  
R.C. (F.), 11 a.m.; Hong Kong  
C.C. v. Army (F.), 11 a.m.; Crai-  
gengower C.C. Married v. Single;  
Indian R.C. seconds v. University  
seconds (F.), 11 a.m.

Football, Sunday Herald Cup:  
Wales v. Portugal (Club ground);  
Chinese League: Chinese Athletic  
"B" v. Tee Woo, South China "A"  
v. South China "B," Chinese Ath.  
"A" v. Sung Ching.  
Golf:—Royal Hong Kong Golf  
Club Christmas Meeting.  
Hunting:—Fanning Hunt Meet  
(Annapdale), 2.45 p.m.  
Weightlifting:—First Annual Ex-  
hibition of Maurice College (Hong  
Kong Football Club ground), 1.30  
p.m.

King's Theatre: "The Girl  
Habit."  
Queen's Theatre: "Sporting  
Blood."  
Central Theatre: "The Texan."  
Star Theatre: "Call of the  
Flesh."  
World Theatre: "Yu Tong Chun"  
(Chinese film).  
Ten Dances at Hong Kong Hotel;  
Carnival Dances at Hong Kong  
Hotel, Repulse Bay Hotel and Pen-  
insula Hotel; Dinner Dances at  
King's Restaurant.  
European Mail:—Outward:  
Europe via Siberia (Pres. Cleve-  
land) noon.

#### SUNDAY.

(December 27.)

1st Sunday After Christmas.  
St. John, Evan.  
Union Church "Messiah" Christ-  
mas Service, 8 p.m.  
Macao Races.  
Children's Sport and Tea Dance  
at Craigengower Cricket Club.  
Weightlifting Competitions, Hong  
Kong F.C. ground.  
Golf: Competition of first round,  
Kowloon Golf Club Junior Cham-  
pionship; Royal Hong Kong Golf  
Club Christmas Meeting.  
Queen's Theatre: "Dawn Patrol."  
World Theatre: "Yu Tong Chun"  
(Chinese film).  
Central Theatre: "Queen High."  
King's Theatre: "Grumpy."  
Star Theatre: "High Society  
Blues."  
Ten Dances at King's Restaurant  
and Repulse Bay Hotel.  
European Mail:—Inward:  
Europe via Negapatnam (Malacca  
Maru).

### PRESIDENCY OF GERMANY.

#### ELECTIONS TO BE HELD ON MARCH 13.

Berlin, Dec. 10.—The electors of  
Germany will troop to the polls  
on March 13, according to an an-  
nouncement made public here to-  
day, to elect a new President of  
Germany in succession to Presi-  
dent Paul von Hindenburg, whose  
term of office expires on May 12,  
1932.

In the event that none of the  
candidates has an absolute major-  
ity in next year's Presidential elec-  
tion, as the Constitution of the  
First German Republic requires,  
there will be a second election on  
April 10.

#### Hindenburg Not a Candidate.

President Hindenburg will not be  
a candidate for re-election. He is  
now 84 years of age and although  
possessed of remarkable vigour he  
is ready to retire from public life  
after having taken Germany  
through the Fatherland's most seri-  
ous crisis. President Hindenburg  
was elected as the second President  
of the First German Republic on  
April 28, 1925, and he assumed office  
on May 12 of the same year.

Despite the gravity of the econo-  
mic crisis now prevailing in Ger-  
many the election campaign point-  
ing toward March 13 has started  
already. There will be a terrific  
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"The Girl Habit."  
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Queen's.  
"Sporting Blood."  
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Torrence and Madge  
Evans.

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World.  
"Yu Tong Chun" (Chinese  
picture).

KOWLOON.

Star.  
"The Call of the Flesh."  
With Ramon Navarro.

Majestic.  
"Cohen and Kellys in Africa."

COMING.

King's.

"Grumpy."  
"Monkey Business."  
"Merely Mary Ann."  
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"Love is Like That."  
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Central.

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GOSSIP AND FACT.

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The soft and sibilant murmurs of hundreds of Chinese guards, and priests, decked in a gaily coloured vestments, filled the ear, mingling with the fearful conjectures of the white prisoners, one of whom prepares to face death on a formidable rack. The odour of incense suddenly gives place to the fumes of gunpowder and the doors of the temple are burst open by a rescue party of bluejackets.

These thrilling moments are enacted for "Tin Gods" by Evan Thomas as the intended victim and Frank Boyde as Cheng Chi Lung. Frank Collier, Dorothy Bartlam, Ben Walden, Ruth Maitland, Atholl Fleming and Margaret Damer are other prisoners, while forty ex-sailors, unemployed and members of a Seamen's Home were engaged to enact the rescuers.

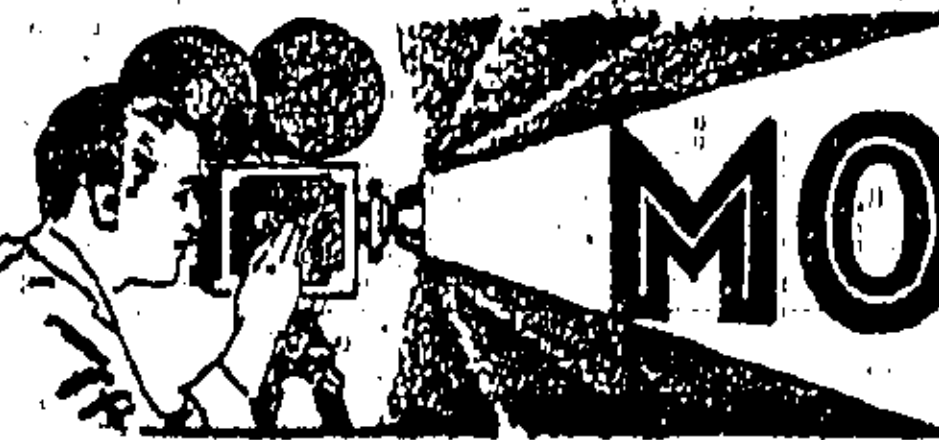
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7 p.m. to 12 midnight.—European recorded programme.  
7 to 7.30 p.m.—Variety.  
8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
7.30 to 8.10 p.m.—Light opera vocal gems.  
8.10 to 9 p.m.—Orchestral.  
9 p.m. to 12 midnight.—Dance music.  
12 midnight.—Close down.

SUNDAY.

11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.—Relay of Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.15 p.m.—Chinese programme.  
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
2 p.m.—Close down.  
2 to 3 p.m.—Choral Service from "Messiah."  
3 to 10 p.m.—Programme of recorded music.  
8 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
9.30 to 9.10 p.m.—Christmas records.  
9.10 to 10 p.m.—A concert.  
10 p.m.—Close down.  
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## MOVIE NEWS

ON THE SCREEN IN HONG KONG.

"THE GIRL HABIT."

PAGES FROM THE LIFE OF  
CHARLIE RUGGLES.

Born in Los Angeles toward the end of the 19th century, he left his father's wholesale drug establishment in Los Angeles, and went to San Francisco, where he secured a small rôle in "The Admirable Crichton."

Followed his some success with a number of tours in stock throughout the state of California, playing principally "old men characters," it was eight years before he was cast finally as a juvenile.

Made his first New York appearance in "Help Wanted." Later he played more than a hundred weeks in "Canary Cottage," a musical comedy which was popular throughout the country. He is also remembered for his comedy work in two recent Broadway hits "Battling Butler" and "Queen High."

While playing for Morocco in Los Angeles, he started film work at Hollywood, supporting such stars as Lenore Ulrich, Elsie Janis and Cyril Maude.

His first talkie appearance was in "Gentlemen of the Press" for Paramount. Followed this with "The Lady Lies." After several more hits was raised to stardom by Paramount. His first starring picture is "The Girl Habit," now showing at the King's Theatre.

WONDERS OF A NEW  
FILM STAR.

SINGS IN TWO LANGUAGES,  
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The first parrot to become a talkie star is a London parrot. She belongs to Mrs. Ellingworth, of Dal-garno-gardens, Wood Lane, and she has appeared at two West End theatres.

She is a really marvellous bird; green, with just a touch of scarlet, and quite young—only 45 years old, the prime of life for a parrot. She not only talks and whistles, but she sings in two languages—English and Italian.

Mrs. Ellingworth had gone to see Polly's talkie when I called, writes an Evening Standard representative, but the film star herself was at home and extremely affable. She occupied a large cage in a corner of the dining-room.

Her Girlish Voice.

"Come in!" she said, and immediately burst into song. "Doh-moh-doh!" She has a clear girlish voice, evidently acquired  
(Continued on next Column.)

"GRUMPY."

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That he has played the rôle of "Grumpy" on the stage 1,300 times in America, Australia and England?

That he was in a Hollywood silent picture, "Peer Gynt" in 1915?

That he retired from active stage work about three years ago, but was persuaded by Paramount to revive "Grumpy" on the talking screen?

That the talking screen version of Grumpy is his first appearance before the new medium of movie-making?

That "Grumpy" is coming to the King's Theatre shortly.

from her owner during the first 38 years of her life, an operatic singer. Mr. Ellingworth put out a finger towards her. She gave him a fierce look, make a grab at it with her beak, missed it, and whistled a bar or two.

"Naughty Polly!" admonished Mr. Ellingworth.

Polly laughed, a startling loud peal of womanish laughter which seemed to please her, for she repeated it. But remorse presently seized her; she descended to the floor of her cage, lowered her head and whimpered exactly like a baby crying in its cot.

So Mr. Ellingworth said, "Poor Polly! Never mind, then!" and Polly instantly cheered up. Hauling herself athletically up the cage by her break, she sang a stave of an Italian aria. The words were quite distinct.

"Tipperary."

"Now listen," said Mr. Ellingworth. "Perhaps she'll sing 'Tipperary.'" He stood against the cage and hummed the first line softly. Polly paused, with head cocked, but said nothing. Mr. Ellingworth did it again, and then, after crying a little and laughing a little, like a nervous artist, Polly sang the chorus, "It's a long way to Tipperary" all through, word perfect.

MOTHER ROLES ON  
THE SCREEN.

LEADING "EXPERT" IN  
"THE TEXAN."

Mothers never take a back seat on the stage or in motion pictures, and the actress who specializes in rôles, has the most appealing and the most versatile of all characterizations, according to Emma Dunn, who has devoted more than twenty-four years of her life to portraying motherhood on stage and screen.

Miss Dunn, who became the ideal Spanish mother, for "The Texan," featuring Gary Cooper, is probably the most famous portrayer of mother parts on the American stage to-day. And she believes that an actress who devotes her study to this one type of rôle has a wealth of material to draw upon.

"Just consider the many different types of mothers there are. Each mother I have played during my career, and there were hundreds of them, was a distinct individual in herself. They are always real flesh-and-blood people; they are women who have lived. Mother rôles appealed to me in contrast to the simpering, ingenuous rôles the stage and screen offer."

Since her Sixteenth birthday, Miss Dunn has been playing character rôles, mostly characters much older than she actually was. Miss Dunn says she has never regretted her decision to specialize in depicting women four or five times her own age.

Miss Dunn's first mother rôle was that of Ase, the peasant woman in "Peer Gynt." That was in 1908 and Miss Dunn was mother to an actor much older than herself. As Ruth Warren in "The Warrens of Virginia," Frank Keenan was her husband, and her children included Mary Pickford, Cecil B. De Mille and Charlotte Walker. In "The Texan," which is having its final showings at the Central Theatre to-day, Miss Dunn thinks she is the mother of Gary Cooper, although every other member of the cast, which includes Fay Wray, knows she isn't. That's the story.

XMAS RADIO  
PROGRAMMES.

BROADCAST BY Z.B.W. ON  
355 METRES.

TO-DAY.

11 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.—Relay of Service from St. John's Cathedral.  
12.15 p.m.—European programme of recorded music.  
1 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
2 p.m.—Close down.  
4 to 7 p.m.—Chinese programme.  
7 p.m. to 12 midnight.—European recorded programme.  
7 to 7.30 p.m.—Talkie tunes.  
"Show of Shows"—Selection.—Regal Cinema Orchestra.—Col. DX13.  
"On With the Show, 1929"—Selection.—Debroy Somers Band.—Col. 9755.  
"The Singing Fool"—Selection.—Debroy Somers Band.—Col. 9751.  
9 p.m.—Local time and weather report.  
7.30 to 9 p.m.—The entire musical numbers of the opera "The Pirates of Penzance" (Gilbert and Sullivan), played by the Victor Light Opera Company and Orchestra, recorded under the direction of Rupert D'Oyly Carte.—C3.

Dance Programme.

Fox Trot—"Here Am I."  
Fox Trot—"Why Was I Born?"—Vic. 22187.  
Fox Trot—"Me Adias!"  
Fox Trot—"Canto Siboney"—Vic. 22198.  
Fox Trot—"Through."  
Fox Trot—"Why do You Suppose?"—Vic. 22204.  
Fox Trot—"Sophomore Prom."  
Fox Trot—"Campus Capers"—Vic. 22215.  
Fox Trot—"Your Land and My Land."  
Waltz—"Silver Moon"—Vic. 22058.  
Fox Trot—"My Fate is in Your Hands."  
Fox Trot—"Melancholy"—Vic. 22222.  
Fox Trot—"Look for the Silver Lining."  
Fox Trot—"Wild Rose"—Vic. 22250.  
Fox Trot—"I'd Like to be a Gypsy."  
Fox Trot—"Under a Texas Moon"—Vic. 22252.  
Fox Trot—"Wrapped in a Red, Red Rose."  
Fox Trot—"Put a Little Salt on the Bluebird's Tail"—Vic. 22256.  
Waltz—"Rosette."  
Waltz—"For Old Time's Sake"—Vic. 21527.  
Fox Trot—"It's a Lonesome Old Town."  
Fox Trot—"She's My Secret Passion"—Vic. 22298.  
Fox Trot—"There's Rhythm in the River."  
Fox Trot—"I Need Lovin'"—Vic. 22641.  
Fox Trot—"Singin' the Blues."  
Fox Trot—"It's the Darndest Thing"—Vic. 22809.  
Fox Trot—"Sing Another Chorus Please."  
Fox Trot—"I'm With You"—Vic. 22818.  
Waltz—"Kiss Me Goodnight, not Goodbye."  
Fox Trot—"The Cute Little Things You Do"—Vic. 22792.  
Fox Trot—"Oh! Mo'nah."  
Fox Trot—"I Love to Hear a Military Band"—Vic. 22822.  
Fox Trot—"A Faded Summer Love."  
Fox Trot—"Old Playmate"—Vic. 22827.  
Fox Trot—"Can't You See."  
Fox Trot—"When It's Sleepy Time Down South"—Vic. 22828.  
Fox Trot—"I'd Rather Cry Over You."  
Fox Trot—"I Still Love You"—Vic. 21463.  
Waltz—"Destiny."  
Waltz—"Cecile"—Vic. 21509.  
Fox Trot—"If You Don't Love Me."  
Fox Trot—"Just a Night for Meditation"—Vic. 21547.  
Fox Trot—"When You're Counting the Stars Alone."  
Fox Trot—"Needin' You Like I Do"—Vic. 22151.  
Fox Trot—"I Came to You."  
Fox Trot—"You're Responsible"—Vic. 22145.  
Fox Trot—"Life is Just a Bowl of Cherries."  
Fox Trot—"This is the Missus"—Vic. 22783.  
Waltz—"Cuckoo."  
Fox Trot—"Figaro"—Col. CB50.  
Fox Trot—"Lovin' You the Way I Do."  
Fox Trot—"You're Lucky to Me"—Col. 2209-D.  
Fox Trot—"Sing Something Simple."  
Fox Trot—"If I'd Only Listened to You"—Col. 2204-D.  
Fox Trot—"I Still Get a Thrill."  
Fox Trot—"Just a Little Dance Mam'zelle"—Col. 2230-D.  
Fox Trot—"Three Little Words."  
Fox Trot—"Can This be Love?"—Col. 2217-D.  
Waltz—"Hush-a-bye-Baby."

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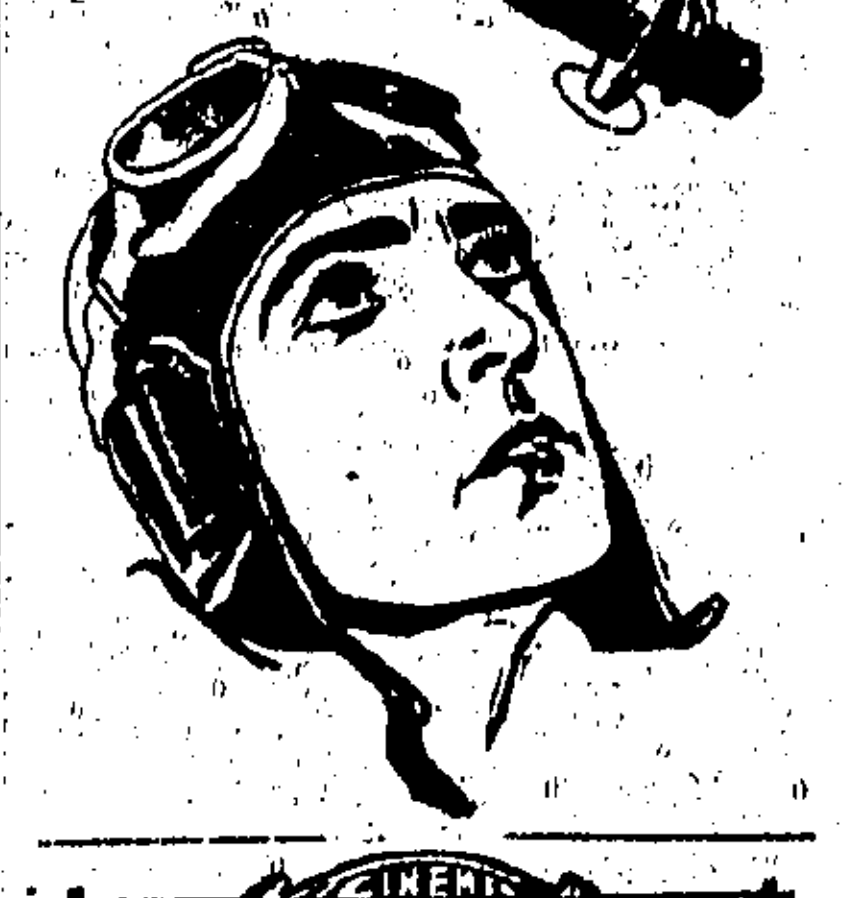


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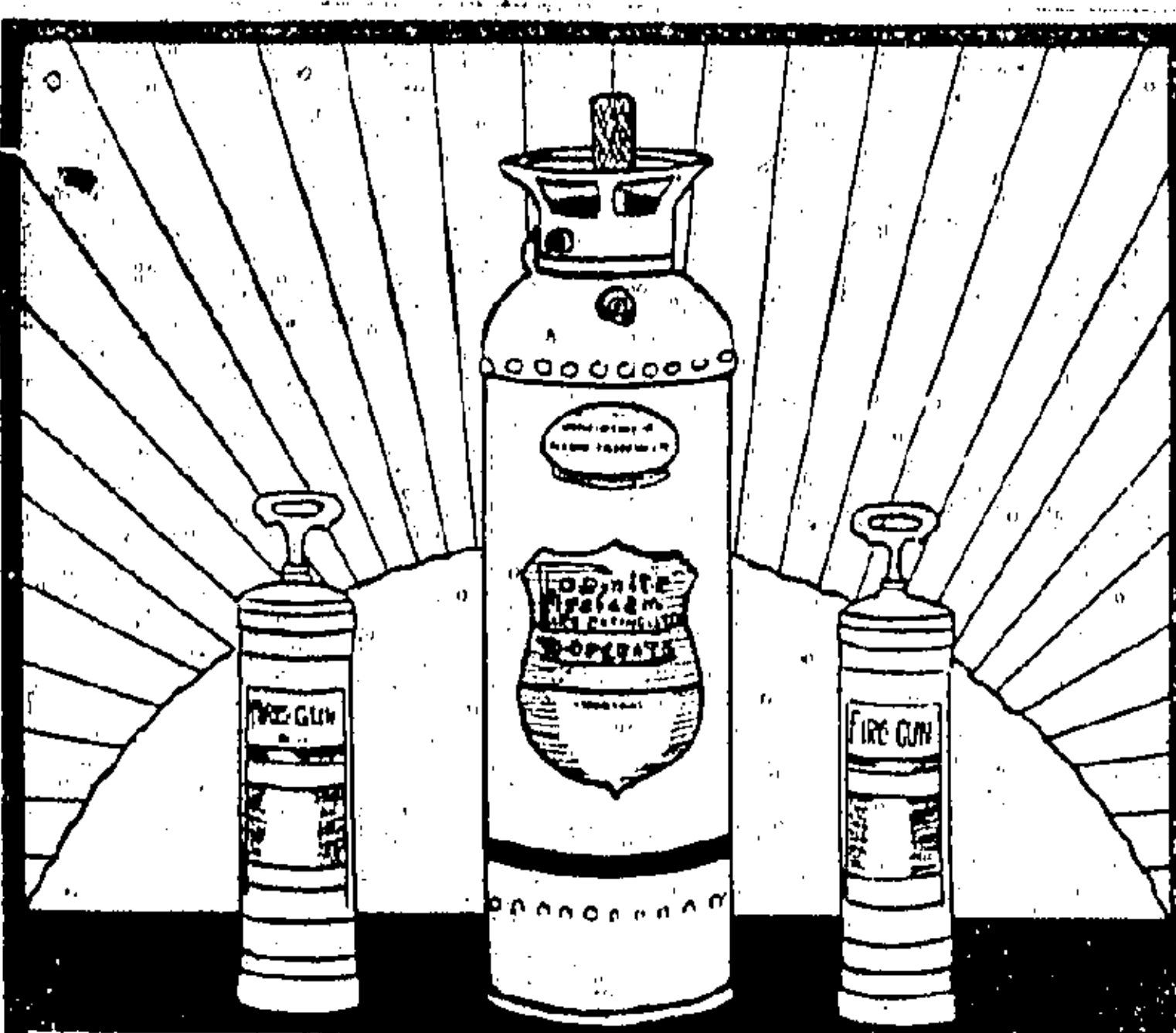
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## MR. PEPPY IN HONG KONG.

19th.—On very business this day and walking in my garden I do see with the greatest possible pleasure that my heliotrope do recover somewhat of the frost. But I am in jeopardy, as I suppose, of my sweet peas, which appear to have been somewhat nipped, and I doubt that I ought to cut back the blossoms more rigorously. But of this I have no sure knowledge how it should be done. Everything else pretty well, and I am the more particularly pleased that my fennel do flourish so well, as last year I do fall of them, save but one or two pots. Yet of my gladioli I am sadly disappointed in that but five of ninety-six do come up. Yet are they such slow growing bulbs that I am not without hope of the rest, albeit my heart is grieved to leave so much space vacant, and I with so many seedlings that do demand setting out. So after much talk with the Fa Wong—and I do perceive with the greatest possible pleasure that he comes to understand more of my Cantonese than heretofore—I do break my fast and then to office, where I find much work at accounts against the end of the year. And I was very hot, that certain merchants render their accounts so late that I doubt I shall fall of striking my balance at the month's end. But Lord! how strange it be to consider that had I not prospered in my gettings and had I funds in plenty to discharge my debts, these same merchants would be sitting on my doorstep these many days. So home to luncheon and at work in my garden. This day I read in the news-sheets that a jury, of course, do acquit Mr. J. Diamond the gangster, but that others of his own kidney do shoot him dead. And it seems that in this way only can a gangster come to judgment and due penalty. But such are the blessings of Protection.

20th.—To the office betimes where I order my accounts in some fashion and then to the Club for my morning glass, where I meet My Lord Sandwich, who tells me he hears that at the playhouse last night the opera "Miss Hookey" do have the very greatest success and the house crowded. But I do agree with Creed that the book of the play do be the worst possible, and the fooling, though excellently well done by my old acquaintance Mr. V. Labrum, much too long. Then by motor coach to Mr. W. Stanton his bungalow where walking in his garden I find petunias in bloom and everything most forward save only

## CHRISTMAS COMEETITION.

C.P.O.'s Mess,  
H.M.S. Hermes,  
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December 22, 1931.

Dear Sir,

Thank you very much for cheque for \$10 received as prize in your Christmas competition. My unexpected success and your encouraging remarks will certainly act as a spur to further efforts.

Yours faithfully,  
H. F. VIGAR.

his sweet peas. And this he tells me comes because the heat at Fung Ing be too fierce for them in late September, and so the planting is delayed a month. But why all else is so early I am a stoune to explain. And so we all fall to luncheon most cheerfully and then to the races, where I perceive that my words of last Thursday were not so far amiss. But Lord! how warm it was for a December day. And so home, each coach upon the other's tail for miles, save when some hogge duth make a dangerous passage, and with the greatest possible pleasure I find that a Special Ferry awaits us—which do seem to me a sensible provision. Early to bed.

21st.—This morning comes news that in Australia the Nationalists do carry it against the Socialists and so comes the first gleam of hope for the country that has shone these many months. From the North as usual the news is contrary, and I see not any change clear these two months, no nor shall be. This afternoon at the Courts of the Magistrates I do see a most curious sight, men searching anxiously upon the ground. So I ask Mr. Ashby who is with me why the fellows behave in so curious a fashion, and he tells me that they do but look for some face which they have lost. But this I do not clearly understand how it may be, so I also do withdraw.

22nd.—This morning comes the news that Australia do win the Second Test Match at Cricquet by an innings and one hundred and fifty-five notches, and I perceive South Africa be no match for them. Indeed their young men to seem to be of the finest calibre, and more in number maturing than we have. I much doubt if England will be successful at the next series of Test

## THE CHRISTMAS STORY

And it came to pass in those days, that there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus, that all the world should be taxed. This taxing was first made when Cyrenus was governor of Syria. And all went to be taxed, every one into his own city. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the City of Nazareth, into Judaea unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them; and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them:—

Fear Not:

For behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy,

Which shall be to all people.

For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour,

Which is Christ the Lord.

And this shall be a sign unto you: Ye shall find the Babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying:—  
Glory to God in the Highest  
And on earth peace, good will toward men.

And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go ever unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the Babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad saying which was told them concerning this Child. And all they that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds. But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart. And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

## WISE MEN FROM THE EAST.

Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judaea in the days of Herod the king, behold, there came wise men from the east to Jerusalem saying:—"Where is He that is born King of the Jews? for we have seen His star in the east, and are come to worship Him." When Herod the king had heard these things, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. And when he had gathered all the chief priests and scribes of the people together, he demanded of them where Christ should be born. And they said unto him:—"In Bethlehem of Judaea: for thus it is written by the prophet,

And thou Bethlehem, in the Land of Judah,  
Art not the least among the princes of Judah:  
For not of these shall come a Governor,  
That shall rule my people Israel."

Then Herod, when he had privily called the wise men, inquired of them diligently what time the star appeared. And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said:—"Go and search diligently for the young Child; and when ye have found Him, bring me word again, that I may come and worship Him also." When they had heard the king, they departed; and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young Child was. When they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they were come into the house, they saw the young Child with Mary His mother, and fell down, and worshipped Him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto Him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh. And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

contests. At home France do withstand the proposal for a delayment of the German payments, which the experts deem necessary, which do trouble me. And much I fear that in her blind hatred and fear of Germany, France may undo not her self alone, but all civilization too, which may God prevent.

23rd.—Talking at the Club this morning I learn from Mr. Ashby that the Appeal Court do reverse Sir F. Grain's judgement in the dog case; but this he says do but mean that Judge he given to file claims, and by no means that the claims are won. So it seems that there be great profit coming to the lawyers of Shanghai, and I would my Father had set me to the law, and not to merchandise, for the profits of the one depend but in one way upon exchange, whereas the merchant is concerned in every way. The Nanking Government is resigned, and I know not who shall rule the Country; but much I pray that there shall arise a strong Central Government, which shall crush the bandits and discipline the unruly students, who do indeed require a sound beating and I trust may yet get it. Back to the Club at five where I talk with Creed and Povy of dog-racing, which I do consider a low past-time and no sport but a means of gambling which I do not love. Mr. Creed said that he trusted they would provide for contestants at least half a dozen dogs in each race at Macao, where a course is to open we hear, and that for his part he would sorrow not did they feed them upon the ponies and more especially on one whose name thought he do say it I will not set down.

24th.—Very busy this day purchasing my furnishings for the Christmas festival, though with no heart for it much in these sad days. Yet am I somewhat cheered when I do buy me a goodly bunch of mistletoe and do resolve to have my money's worth thereof. Ason to the Courts where I learn from Mr. Justice Lindell of an impudent thief as ever I heard. For it seems his messenger did light upon a coolie standing in his Chambers, and in suspicion did seize him and demand his reason for the intrusion. To which the coolie replies

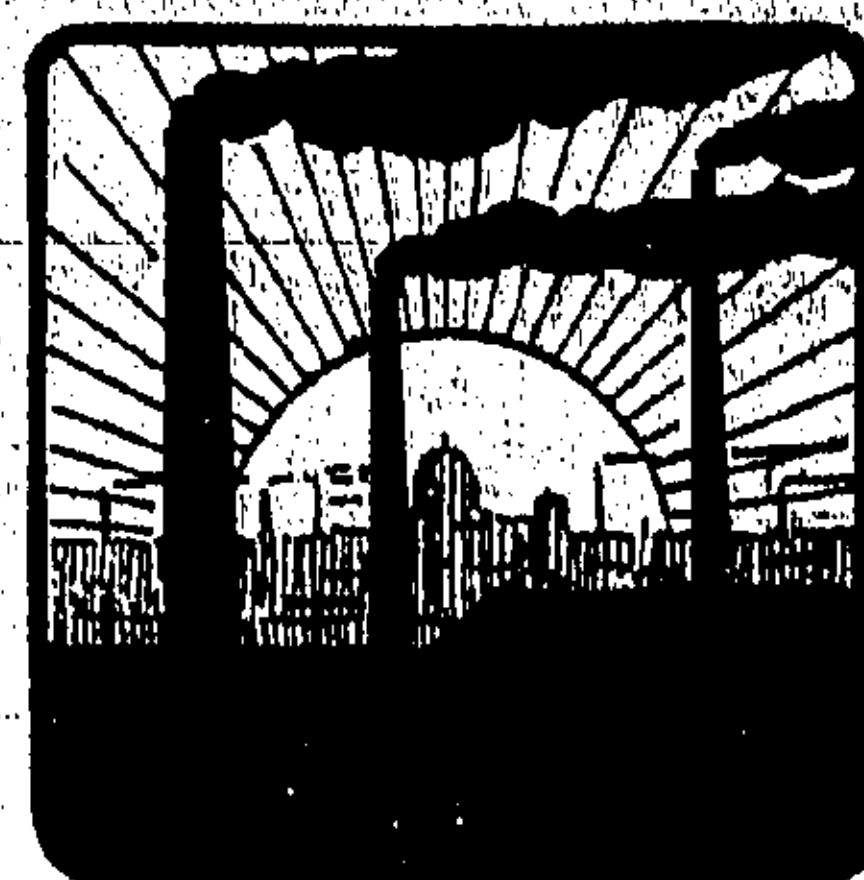
he has news of import for a certain Inspector who was baid. So out he is led by the messenger and points out in Court the Pong Pan whom he seeks and bids the messenger fetch him out privily which he very simply does, and upon return there be no coolie, and moreover no hat of the Justice, which had been worn upon the coolie's head all the time. And this doth put me in mind that some years ago a thief do steal Mr. R. Lindell's small-clothes when he be the Chief Magistrate, which do fetch but sixty cents. So I doubt me if the thief shall profit greatly from his hat. To my office after luncheon but Lord with one coming in and another going away I have but small peace and so home to my wife where we talk of many things, and I do seek to explain Culbertson's bidding method to her. But I do incline to think that it maketh the game too much a matter of memory and mathematics. So early to bed, which, I doubt not, I shall be short enough of these coming few days.

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## CHRISTMAS EVE IN HONG KONG.

## GAILY DRESSED SHOP WINDOWS.

## CROWDED DINNER DANCES LAST NIGHT

A Daily Press representative, who made a tour of the leading shops and departmental stores of the Colony yesterday was greeted on all sides with the managerial smiles that only free spending on the part of the public can inspire. Trade was everywhere brisk, windows were decorated in the traditional Christmas style, and the shops were thronged with people.

Factor Christmas, at Sincere's has been perhaps one of the most popular figures with the children in Hong Kong for several days. The idea of "Toyland," as conceived and executed by this firm is excellent, and a tour through this children's paradise must have gladdened many a young heart and exhausted many paternal pockets.

The external decorations of the Sun Company are most attractive, and the interior presented a very reasonable appearance.

## The Christmas Spirit.

It was made increasingly obvious to our representative as he passed from shop to shop and street to street that the dressers of shop windows had been, without exception, animated with the Christmas spirit, and it was with a feeling akin to homesickness that he at last made an effort and departed from the region of well-lit windows crammed with Christmas fare on Hong Kong side and proceeded to Kowloon.

## In Kowloon.

Here a somewhat similar state of affairs prevailed, most of the big shops and shops having tastefully decorated windows, with holly leaves very much in evidence, and bon-bons, Christmas cakes and presents attractively laid out.

One of the most attractive displays in Kowloon was that of the Dairy Farm Company. They were exhibiting a huge chine of beef surrounded with turkeys, sucking pigs and all manner of luscious Christmas fare, and throughout the day a large crowd of marvelling Chinese remained with their hungry eyes glued to the window.

## Carnival Dances.

Last night large and merry parties thronged the leading hotels of the Colony, where dinner dances were held.

The Hong Kong, Peninsular, Republic Bay and St. Francis Hotels were strikingly decorated for the occasion, a huge Christmas tree in the vestibule of the St. Francis Hotel being particularly attractive. In addition, Lane Crawford's Restaurant held a dinner dance, which was very well patronised, and the large dining room presented a cheerful sight with innumerable Chinese lanterns suspended from the ceiling.

## CHRISTMAS SERVICES.

St. John's Cathedral.  
Holy Communion 7 a.m., Choral Eucharist 8 a.m.; Holy Communion (Peak Church) 8 a.m.; Children's Service 10 a.m.; Matins and Sermon 11 a.m. Preacher: The Bishop of Victoria Hong Kong. Holy Communion 12.15 p.m.

St. Andrew's Kowloon.  
7.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
8.15 a.m. Holy Communion.  
11 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon and Holy Communion. Preacher, Rev. C.B. Shann. Collections for Waifs and Strays.

St. Peter's.  
The Christmas Services at St. Peter's started with Midnight Eucharist (Choral) at Christmas Eve. The other Christmas Services are Holy Communion (with hymns) at 8 and Choral Eucharist 11.

Union Church, Kennedy Road.  
Morning service at ten o'clock. Naval and Military Parade Service. Preacher, the Rev. E. G. Powell.

Union Church, Kowloon.  
Friday, December 25, Christmas Morning Service at 11 a.m. Anthem by Choir, "There were Shepherds." Preacher, Revd. Frank Short.

Wesleyan Church, Wanchoi.  
A Special Christmas Service will be held commencing at 10.15 a.m.

Roman Catholic Cathedral.  
Morning:—Low Masses at 6.30 and 10.30. High Mass at 8, accompanied by the Seminary Choir. A special Mass is to be celebrated at Victoria Gaudi by the Catholic Chaplain.

Afternoon: At 3.30, Solemn Vespers and Benediction.

St. Joseph's Church (Garden Road).  
Low Masses at 7.10, 7.35, 8 and 9 a.m. High Mass at 10 a.m., followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Rosary Church (Kowloon).  
There will be a Mass every half-an-hour from 6.30 to 9.30 a.m.

## GRANTS TO HOSPITALS.

## PRINCE DISTRIBUTES FUNDS.

London, Dec. 12.—The Prince of Wales presided yesterday at the meeting of the Council of King Edward's Hospital fund when over \$294,000 were distributed in grants to hospitals for the present year. This marks another substantial increase in the funds for annual distribution and a message of congratulation from the King was read.

## CANDIDA ON SHOOTING

## WAILS OF A WILDFOWLER'S WIFE.

Dear Mr. Editor,

I know that every married woman has to endure some peculiarity, not to say vice, on the part of her husband. In some cases it is Wine or Other Women but in mine it is Wildfowling. With my husband Wildfowling does not come under the heading of either peculiarity or vice, but is definitely an obsession spelt with capital letters. I sometimes think he is rather like the woman who was reputed to have only two ideas in her head and one was hats, but he has only one idea in his. "Ah" but it may be thought, "Shooting has its seasons and at any rate you are freed from this obsession from March 30 until August 12." I was rash enough to console myself with this thought, when I discovered soon after I was married that I had a serious rival in my husband's affections. In fact I became exceedingly jubilant when the day arrived that his cherished guns were finally cleaned and put in grease and tucked away for the summer. But I was doomed to disappointment, for he consoled himself firstly, by reading almost exclusively "The Shooting Times" and gun catalogues, even going to the length of reading extracts to me, generally when I had my nose glued to a thriller, from which I had to withdraw my attention. Secondly, he would discuss freely and lengthily plans for the next shooting season with any friend bitten with the same obsession who happened to drop in, which they did frequently. Thirdly, yes, he even had a third consolation, he began to write a book about shooting and devote nearly every evening to his literary efforts.

## The Treasure.

Shortly after we were married a most innocent act of mine almost completely broke up our marriage. I thought my husband would never recover. In fact it is doubtful if our relations have ever been quite the same since. I was proudly beginning my wifely duties and examining his wardrobe. Suddenly I found in a drawer a most foul and evil-smelling coat. It was covered with darts and patches of varying colours, and bits of feathers and sprigs of heather adhered. It was indescribably dirty and I doubt if the most miserable and woe-begone tramp would have accepted it. Quite naturally I decided this coat had no place in the wardrobe of a respectable man, and I gave it to the laundry. Some days later I was astounded to hear an irate male voice upstairs, and some sanguinary adjectives applied to an unseen person floated down to my surprised ears. Suddenly the Boy, pale and trembling, rushed in and enquired if I had seen master's shooting coat. I denied all knowledge of it, never dreaming that he was referring to the hideous rag I had given away. He was followed by a husband almost unrecognisable in his rage who asked the same question. I confessed meekly that I had given an old coat to the laundry, whereupon he spluttered, "Good God! Woman! don't you know that was my great-uncle's shooting coat! It's got Irish bog mud on it and Scotch clay and it has been baptized by the blood of countless wildfowl." Shaken to the core I murmured most abject apologies. Then the Boy was ordered to effect the immediate return of the valuable garment. It wasn't so difficult as we expected as the coolie hadn't thought it worth taking it away and had hurred it to the bottom of the kitchen cupboard intending to use it as a floor-cloth.

## Accursed Guns!

When the shooting season starts the even tenor of my way is completely disrupted. The accursed guns are brought out once more to light, grease removed and the barrels polished until they shine. This operation generally takes place on the drawing room floor. All the evil smelling shooting clothes are aired and a marvellous array of shooting boots produced for inspection and selection. Plans are made for the first morning flight, cartridges are sorted out and sandwiches packed and left in the hall beside a thermos of coffee. I got a lot of malicious joy on one occasion for the Boy left the sandwiches on a low stool in the hall. My little Aberdeen terrier who slept there, mopped them up during the night and when Nimrod descended during a chilly dawn there was not a single crumb left and no time to get any more.

We retire to bed, the alarm having first been set for half past four. I have the deepest resentment against this alarm clock as it has certainly been designed to wake a regiment of Chinese coolies and startles me out of my sleep so that I lie trembling for about ten minutes. At last Nimrod departs and I snuggle down to bed and listen to the N.E. wind shaking the shutters.

On the days when my husband does not get up for the morning flight, he leaves the Office slightly early in the afternoon for the evening flight.

And the week-ends! The shooting party, generally four of them, departs after an early tiffin on Saturday with enough food to last ten men a fortnight. I wave a desolate goodbye to them as the motor boat leaves the jetty and wonder wretchedly how I am going to spend the rest of the day and the following day until they return. They come back in time for a late tea on Sunday. After a much needed bath my husband descends and spends the rest of the evening describing to me what he shot or didn't shoot, and what he ate. Then straight after dinner when I am still feeling fresh and bright he retires to bed, worn out with fresh air and exercise, leaving me to spend another evening alone. It usually takes two early nights for him to recover. The following evening one or two people who weren't on this particular trip call to hear details, and the whole story is reiterated, myself groaning inwardly and sometimes outwardly and my mind seething with odd words like "Mergansers" and "falcated teal."

## "Strong Silent Men."

On occasion, strong, silent men with marked misogynistic tendencies, the kind who love the great open spaces, come to stay for several days shooting. At least they don't actually stay. They arrive probably in time for breakfast, and manfully make strained conversation to me while they lower their bacon and eggs. After breakfast they retire and polish their guns, or count their cartridges or whatever it is they do, in preparation to depart about noon for a four day trip. The most extraordinary looking people return, their faces covered with incipient boards and their persons liberally caked with mud. I hope that the motor boat is hung from them to stern with the spoils of the chase because the complexion of the succeeding days is apt to be coloured by the success or non-success of the trip. If the sport has been poor then my husband is morose, and gloomy, if on the other hand it was good then everything in the garden is lovely, and if by any chance he has shot a goose or more than pride and joy coo from every pore. After lengthy baths and shaves the mighty hunters descend, fill their pipes and with a whisky and soda apiece, spend the rest of the evening discussing the four days shooting with a concentration and wealth of detail that is most tiresome. I listen politely with a fixed smile and occasionally try to flick the conversation into a more congenial channel but it's always deflected to the same object by a persistent husband.

## Never Again!

"I have on four occasions been rash enough to accompany my husband on an all day shooting trip and every time I have regretted it. Of course, I have been well drilled. I know that (a) I must not wear a white shirt blouse or a flaming scarlet jumper but must disguise myself to look like a mud bank or a lagoon. (b) I must keep out the range of the guns. (c) I must be speedy in dropping behind banks and lying quiet while duck and geese pass over.

The first time I had a most disquieting experience. I was ambling along a mud bank which was separated from a snipe marsh by a creek of icy water. The line of guns was walking up the marsh. Suddenly one of them fired at a snipe and the shot passed near a vicious animal, a kind of cross between a yak and a moose, which was tethered on the path ahead of me. Now I always regard an ordinary placid English cow with a considerable amount of awe, and when I saw this fierce creature, terrified by the shot, break its rope and come stampeding down the bank towards me I was absolutely terrified. There appeared to be no alternative between being gored to death and plunging into the icy creek. Fortunately at that moment someone fired another shot which caused the beast to stop abruptly, so that the coolie in charge managed to seize the tethering rope and save me from a nasty death. I was considerably shaken by this experience and it was sometime before I ever ventured to accompany my husband again.

A malignant fate appeared to pursue me, for the second time I was

## HONG KONG STOCK MARKET.

## YESTERDAY'S OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

The opening was somewhat quieter yesterday morning, with scarcely any change in the rates, except Trams, which were marked up to \$214.

**Sales.**  
Banks, \$1,480.  
Providents (old), \$5.35.  
Cements (combined), \$19.30.  
Hotels (old), \$15.30/\$15.35.  
Telephones (part paid), \$284.  
Ropes, \$184.

**Buyers.**  
Douglases, \$25.  
Wharves, \$153.  
Hotels (old), \$15.30.  
Hotels (new), \$142.  
Chinese Estates, \$90.  
Hong Kong Electric, \$77.  
Cements (combined), \$19.30.  
Cements (old), \$124.

**Amusements, \$15.30.**  
Union Waterboats, \$24.  
Providents (old), \$5.30.  
Providents (new), \$2.35.  
Hong Kong Lands, \$81.  
Trams, \$214.  
Telephones (part paid), \$220.  
Hong Kong Ropes, \$18.  
Dairy Farms, \$224.  
Watsons, \$12.  
Constructions (old), \$5.55.  
Constructions (new), \$1.00.

**Sellers.**  
Banks, \$1,500.  
Ropes, \$180.

## AFTERNOON SESSION.

The market displayed a still firmer tone during the day, closing with a strong demand all round.

**Sales.**  
Banks, \$1,475.  
Cements (combined), \$19.60.  
Trams, \$21.80/\$22.  
Powells, \$34.

**Buyers.**  
Trams, \$22.  
Powells, \$34.  
Wharves, \$15.65.  
Telephones (part paid), \$284.  
Watsons, \$12.10.  
Cements (combined), \$19.40.  
Realities, \$111.  
China Lights, \$274.  
Dairy Farms, \$22.  
**Sellers.**  
Trams, \$224.  
Wharves, \$15.80.

unlucky enough to sprain my ankle. Had the accident occurred at the end of the day's shooting it would have been all right, but unfortunately it was at the beginning and of course in a most inaccessible spot. Realizing at once I would be "persons non grata" with everyone if a spoiled the day's sport I asserted airily that my foot was well enough and stepped forward on to it and almost fainted. A veil had better been drawn over the rest of the incident. Suffice to say that I was escorted home by a disgruntled husband and did not accompany him again for many a long moon.

The third time I was rash enough to venture out I received a ricocheted shot in the leg from my husband's gun. This misadventure, on my part, passed without much comment, though I insisted on a new and expensive pair of stockings. The fourth and last time was definitely a bad business. Since then I have never received any encouragement to join a shooting party. On this particular occasion I insisted on taking my cherished pointer bitch, Mollie, with me. Quite soon the party got into a snipe marsh. At the first shot Mollie proved herself to be gunshy, and in her extremity of fear ran hell for leather and disappeared into a Chinese village two miles away. Of course my husband had to go to rescue her. He returned about an hour later red in the face with heat and anger and leading a cowed animal by a string. His biting remarks beginning, with "These women" etc., etc. showed me quite plainly that I was far from popular. When he discovered there had been excellent sport during his absence his anguish knew no bounds.

Sometimes after dinner on cold wintry evenings when I am sitting by a warm fire, immersed in the latest Book Society's choice, I look up from my book and ponder on the idiosyncrasies of men. I think of my husband who at that moment is sitting behind a mud bank with his feet in water and an icy N.E. wind whistling round his ears. There he will sit for hours in the cold moonlight waiting hopefully for some misguided geese to pass overhead. It is hard to believe that he actually enjoys it. As I turn once more to my book I thank God my pleasures are more sybaritic. I am, Mr. Editor, Your bewailing contributor.

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J. C. O'G. ANDERSON,  
Acting Deputy Commissioner in charge, temporarily.  
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YORK BUILDING,  
Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1931. [1617]

## BANK HOLIDAYS.

IN accordance with Government Ordinance, The EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the TRANSACTION of PUBLIC BUSINESS on FRIDAY and SATURDAY, the 26th and 27th DECEMBER (CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS).  
Hong Kong, 24th Dec., 1931. [611]

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All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their Claims to the Underigned on or before that date.  
Dated the 17th day of Dec., 1931.  
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## CHRISTMAS AND CHRISTENDOM.

Two journalists were recently discussing what would be the best "scrap" that a newspaper could obtain. They both agreed the engagement of the Prince of Wales! In terms of living personalities they were probably right. Few people, would, however, deny that the greatest discovery that could be made, and the greatest news that could be published, would be new and indisputable evidence of the literal truth of the Gospel story. A diary, for example of one of the magi, a letter from Jairus telling how his daughter was raised from the dead, or the confidential report of the centurion who carried out the Crucifixion. Does such a document exist in the sands or the tombs of Egypt, or in some ancient monastery of Syria? It is a long time since the Nativity. The Norman Conquest seems distant enough but there is a longer gap in time between the Battle of Hastings and the Nativity. Wars, revolutions, and, above all, fanaticism and ignorant disregard have destroyed the records of antiquity. Only fragments of the literature of ancient Greece have come down to us. It is remarkable, however, that the most ancient manuscripts of the Bible belong to the fourth century A.D. and, apart from papyrus discovered in Egypt are the oldest written records in the world. But much can happen and much be invented in three centuries. Could we find a manuscript of one of the Gospels, indubitably of the first century (and scholars can fix these dates with almost mathematical accuracy) what doubts it would resolve! To the theologian even an authentic manuscript, of one of the writers of the "dark period" between the New Testament writers and the many authors of the end of the second century, whose works have survived in large quantities, would be of enormous value in fixing the authenticity of the early records. There is a theory for example that St. John's Gospel, the intimate and authoritative testimony of the "beloved disciple" is an allegory based on what St. John's witness would have been had he given it. This view presents grave difficulties, and the traditional authorship has strong supporters because no counter theory

seems able to withstand detailed criticism. It is on such matters as these that new discovery of a kind the quite possibly may be made would have enormous effect, not upon the man-in-the-street who takes a common-sense (i.e., "superficial") view, either for or against Christianity, but upon the experts who examine the evidence, and are now unable to make up their minds. If they were gashed their confidence would spread outwards. It may be that there is enough evidence for those who honestly study the foundations of their religion, and that only those who can be convinced by the records we have got are worthy anything to Christendom; that the doubts and uncertainty only intensify the enthusiasm of those who believe, not on evidence but on that inner conviction of truth which has from the first been the strength of Christianity. Evidence is of no use to the confirmed sceptic. If Our Lord had preached in the Temple after the Crucifixion his enemies would have said "a devil in his shape"; if an Appearance were made to-day, whatever the evidence, there would be plenty of people to explain it away to the satisfaction of themselves and others of similar views.

How much of Christianity is lost if we try to reduce it to "a system of philosophy" or "the common-sense of life, if we take long views." We all know what happens to systems of philosophy. They may satisfy scholars and monks, but they do not turn the grim orgies of Saturnalia and Yule into the children's merry festival—the day that really doesn't mean much without children! Christmas is romance; the source of art and beauty; the perpetual reminder that there is generally more happiness, good nature and humour in a peasant's cottage than in a millionaire's mansion; that materialism is a mighty shallow creed.

## METEORITES JUST MISS CITY.

## RESIDENTS STARTLED BY DOUBLE MANIFESTATION.

Stockholm, Dec. 13.—A large number of people in the suburb of Gothenburg were startled to-day by a stellar manifestation which would probably have been ascribed by their Scandinavian forefathers to the wrath of the pagan gods. Standing in crowds in the street, they watched fascinated as a glowing meteorite appeared in the sky right above them and crashed a few yards from the outskirts of the town. Shortly afterwards another meteorite appeared which, after making a sweeping curve, fell with a terrific splash into Lake Maelar.

## WE WISH ALL OUR READERS A MERRY CHRISTMAS!

Christmas gifts to be acknowledged are an impressive paper weight—a stockless brass anchor or a marble block—from Messrs. Brandt & Co. and calendars from David Boyd & Co., Ltd., and from Burton's of "Muskeburgh," via Messrs. Shewan, Tomes, the local agents.

Three cases of diphtheria were reported on Wednesday.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Joseph Salazar, 17, Water Street (second floor), Hong Kong, to Ives Chiu, 19, Second Street (second floor), Hong Kong.

The President and Committee of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the following donation to the funds of the Home—H.M.S. "Cumberland" (Ship's fund) \$100.

Another report states that thieves entered the residence of Dr. D. K. Sang, at 4, Beautiful Terrace, early on Wednesday morning, through a kitchen window, and stole clothing and ornaments valued at \$63.

A children's party will be held at the Craigengower C.C. on Sunday afternoon, commencing at 3 o'clock. There will be sports for the children, at the close of which prizes will be distributed. Later in the afternoon a tea dance will be held.

## ★ News and Views ★

## Convinced.

Private Jones regarded critically the mysterious contents of his message.

"What's this?" he asked perplexedly. "It's stoo," said the pugnacious-looking cook, emphatically, "and if anyone says it ain't, stoo he can come outside."

"I say it ain't stoo," said Private Kummagutze. And he went outside.

Five minutes later he returned. His eyes were closed and swollen, his face was bleeding, his hair dishevelled, his uniform torn.

"I think it's stoo alright, boys!" he said with conviction. "And if you take my advice you'll all think it's stoo!"

## Golf Ball Hit from Girl's Head.

A girl's head was used as a "teeing ground" by George Ashdown, a 22-year-old professional golfer, in a match for £50 aside which he won on the Escher course against Mr. Charles Mansell.

Miss Emma Shaw, aged 22, a nurse probationer at Willesden General Hospital, lay flat on the ground at each tee with a wooden peg for the ball fastened to her brow with an elastic band. She was told "O.K." by Ashdown when he was about to play his shot, and she shut her eyes. She smilingly rose when the shot was completed.

Miss Shaw, in an interview, said: "I was not in the least nervous, as I have every confidence when he drives off my forehead. I first tried the experiment about two months ago."

## Official Correspondence.

O.C., 19th Butty, 17th (Devil's Own) Bde., R.F.A.)

Your indent for "set Horse Shoes" assorted sizes, not understood. Are your horses shod on the installment principle?

C.O.O., WIRETOWN. To C.O.O., WIRETOWN.

I should have sent an explanation with my indent. The animal issued to me is really an "assorted" horse. Its colour varies from a flea-bitten grey to a pale puce. Its feet differ greatly in size and shape. It has the temper of a company-sergeant-major and the elegant appearance of a music-hall star in curl-papers. Its proper place is undoubtedly a museum, but as Providence has decreed that he fits some of the "assorted" harness you have supplied, I do not unduly press the indent. From a War Time Regimental Magazine.

## Undignified.

The somewhat undignified struggle for the right to occupy a certain bench in the House of Commons continues between a group of Conservatives and Mr. Maxton's little band of L.L.R. Socialists.

Mr. Maxton, stoutly maintaining that, with his four followers, he constitutes an independent party, refuses to sit behind the official Socialist Opposition, so running the risk of being dismissed as "the Socialist Back-Benchers." He wants front seats for himself and his friends.

Not less insistent are the Conservatives who, "overflowing from the Government side of the House, assert that theirs is the prior claim. Unfortunately, the House of Commons has no box-office, nor can any agency hold out hope of satisfaction by the comforting assertion, "You want the best seats; we have them."

Only one power exists able to restore peace to the disputed area. That power is Mr. Speaker, and even his powers are somewhat analogous to those of the League of Nations.

But tradition has decreed that when Mr. Speaker expresses a wish members must haste to see that wish is respected, and there is not much doubt that that salutary influence will, sooner or later, make itself felt in the present wrangle.

Ambiguous. "The news reel alone made the show worth seeing."—Local Film Critique.

## Things We Do Not Believe.

The May Road house-boy who carefully heated the plates on which ice-cream chocolate jelly was to be served at a dinner party last night was complimented by the hostess for his thoughtfulness.

## Boy Scouts' Loss.

Col. A. D. Acland, whose resignation as Treasurer of the Boy Scouts' Association is announced has spent many years in the service of the Scouts.

In him they were fortunate in having a friend who not only begged hard for their funds, but himself gave ungrudgingly in their cause.

## CATHEDRAL XMAS PLAY.

## AN APPRECIATION.

The Cathedral play, "The Next Door House," which was staged in the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday nights this week deserves more than passing reference both for the quality of the play and the excellence of the production.

"The Next Door House," a parish play by Margaret Cropper, is no more pretty Christmas play-let but a dramatic picturing of realities which might have been too sad but for the scenes of mystic import, which gave the assurance of a saving philosophy and spiritual certainties. It was not the type of play usually associated with Christmas, such as the delightful German production of the previous Monday night, but it was arresting and delightful too in its vivid dramatic qualities, its wholesome homeliness and its pleasing mysticism, and the authoress was well served by the Cathedral players.

There was not the usual enactment of the scenes one has learnt to associate with the birth of Christ; here the emphasis was on the lessons of the life and teaching of Christ—gentleness, love and sacrifice—lessons urged and applied in homely scenes with real dramatic force and mystic beauty.

The first scene opens in the house of simply good folk, Good Humour and his wife Good Sense, their daughter Good Heart, and a friend Common Talk. The room and the folk had a wholesome English atmosphere about them—an air of robust domesticity and kindness. But it bespoke the inevitable air of superiority to anything which was not measurable by its own standards. The Four Children—Waits—generously welcomed into this house are warned off the "down and out" neighbours. There, in this house, sat mankind: old age, Common Talk, critical and selfishly anxious only for the warm fire of security and familiar standards of morality and conduct; masculine middle age, Good Humour, dull and unmoved but honest and kind; feminine middle age, Good Sense, preoccupied with domesticities yet possessing a lively human sympathy; youth, Good Heart, with eyes that yet looked out hopefully, with a sense of spiritual realities not yet dimmed and childhood, the Four Children, with its simple faith, its lessons so easily learned, its natural acceptance of all men with a spontaneous, straightforward affection.

The second was laid in the house of a man and a woman, Evil Life and Down in the Dust, both degraded and dishonest—the man fearing the police, the woman fearing the water while she prayed for it. The sweet Four Children, though warned off these people, entered the house to find that thither Mary and the Christ had gone before. Misery, disappointment, failure, hopelessness—and the Lamb stood in the midst. Down in the dust is not entirely devoid of the influence of early spiritual teaching; the truculence and opposition of Evil Life are an attempt to beat down a spiritual force dull but not subdued in his conscience; but it was a striking realisation that it was the gentle, detached attitude of Mary, which neither pleaded nor pleaded for, but merely offered Christ as the way of peace and happiness, which stirred to life the latent goodness in their souls. The Vision inspired too the co-operation of Good Humour, Good Sense and Good Heart, and Evil Life's home, once affection has entered it, suffers a transformation. Sordid worldliness and the light beauty of the things of the spirit were vividly contrasted.

The pleasing mystic atmosphere of the previous scene was continued in the third when the children brought their pretty Christmas table, the something "white and clean," to the darkness of the sordid home, and the play closes with a renewed vision of love and peace in Mary and the Child. The transformation scene, so dear to old English pantomime, is affected by the healing and sweetening influence of Christ's presence.

The play was cleverly put on and admirably acted throughout. The Four Children were charming and delightfully natural. Good Sense was particularly motherly and attractive. There was a tragic quality about Down in the Dust which was truly dramatic and convincing. The part of the Virgin was performed with a natural serenity and simplicity that created an atmosphere of purity and mysticism in the scenes in which she appeared, the last vision in the doorway being excellently staged and portrayed. The singing of the choir behind the scenes too was exceptionally good and did much to maintain the seasonal and spiritual atmosphere.

If this production truly represents a sense of reality in spiritual things in children and grown-ups at the Cathedral, then those in authority are to be congratulated. It is not the fashion now-a-days to point a moral but to let the play run. And in any case the Cathedral's strenuous work in this production will not have been vain if it makes some of us enquire, as it must, who and what is this Jesus after all and what he really got something to tell us which ordinary people can accept as sound common sense, something which may lighten our darkness in this queer world.

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## CATHEDRAL XMAS PLAY.

## AN APPRECIATION.

The Cathedral play, "The Next Door House," which was staged in the Cathedral Hall on Tuesday and Wednesday nights this week deserves more than passing reference both for the quality of the play and the excellence of the production.

"The Next Door House," a parish play by Margaret Cropper, is no more pretty Christmas play-let but a dramatic picturing of realities which might have been too sad but for the scenes of mystic import, which gave the assurance of a saving philosophy and spiritual certainties. It was not the type of play usually associated with Christmas, such as the delightful German production of the previous Monday night, but it was arresting and delightful too in its vivid dramatic qualities, its wholesome homeliness and its pleasing mysticism, and the authoress was well served by the Cathedral players.

There was not the usual enactment of the scenes one has learnt to associate with the birth of Christ; here the emphasis was on the lessons of the life and teaching of Christ—gentleness, love and sacrifice—lessons urged and applied in homely scenes with real dramatic force and mystic beauty.

The first scene opens in the house of simply good folk, Good Humour and his wife Good Sense, their daughter Good Heart, and a friend Common Talk. The room and the folk had a wholesome English atmosphere about them—an air of robust domesticity and kindness. But it bespoke the inevitable air of superiority to anything which was not measurable by its own standards. The Four Children—Waits—generously welcomed into this house are warned off the "down and out" neighbours. There, in this house, sat mankind: old age, Common Talk, critical and selfishly anxious only for the warm fire of security and familiar standards of morality and conduct; masculine middle age, Good Humour, dull and unmoved but honest and kind; feminine middle age, Good Sense, preoccupied with domesticities yet possessing a lively human sympathy; youth, Good Heart, with eyes that yet looked out hopefully, with a sense of spiritual realities not yet dimmed and childhood, the Four Children, with its simple faith, its lessons so easily learned, its natural acceptance of all men with a spontaneous, straightforward affection.

The second was laid in the house of a man and a woman, Evil Life and Down in the Dust, both degraded and dishonest—the man fearing the police, the woman fearing the water while she prayed for it. The sweet Four Children, though warned off these people, entered the house to find that thither Mary and the Christ had gone before. Misery, disappointment, failure, hopelessness—and the Lamb stood in the midst. Down in the dust is not entirely devoid of the influence of early spiritual teaching; the truculence and opposition of Evil Life are an attempt to beat down a spiritual force dull but not subdued in his conscience; but it was a striking realisation that it was the gentle, detached attitude of Mary, which neither pleaded nor pleaded for, but merely offered Christ as the way of peace and happiness, which stirred to life the latent goodness in their souls. The Vision inspired too the co-operation of Good Humour, Good Sense and Good Heart, and Evil Life's home, once affection has entered it, suffers a transformation. Sordid worldliness and the light beauty of the things of the spirit were vividly contrasted.

The pleasing mystic atmosphere of the previous scene was continued in the third when the children brought their pretty Christmas table, the something "white and clean," to the darkness of the sordid home, and the play closes with a renewed vision of love and peace in Mary and the Child. The transformation scene, so dear to old English pantomime, is affected by the healing and sweetening influence of Christ's presence.

The play was cleverly put on and admirably acted throughout. The Four Children were charming and delightfully natural. Good Sense was particularly motherly and attractive. There was a tragic quality about Down in the Dust which was truly dramatic and convincing. The part of the Virgin was performed with a natural serenity and simplicity that created an atmosphere of purity and mysticism in the scenes in which she appeared, the last vision in the doorway being excellently staged and portrayed. The singing of the choir behind the scenes too was exceptionally good and did much to maintain the seasonal and spiritual atmosphere.

If this production truly represents a sense of reality in spiritual things in children and grown-ups at the Cathedral, then those in authority are to be congratulated. It is not the fashion now-a-days to point a moral but to let the play run. And in any case the Cathedral's strenuous work in this production will not have been vain if it makes some of us enquire, as it must, who and what is this Jesus after all and what he really got something to tell us which ordinary people can accept as sound common sense, something which may lighten our darkness in this queer world.

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## GERMANY UNABLE TO PAY

MR. RAMSAY MACDONALD'S RECOMMENDATION

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 24. Mr. MacDonald when interviewed in connection with the Basle committee report on War Debt said that all Governments ought to meet without delay, and that the British Government was ready to meet immediately.

Basle, Dec. 23. That Germany will be unable to pay conditional annuities under the Young Plan, when the Hoover Moratorium expires, is the chief finding of the special Commission of the Bank of International Settlements. The report says that the collapse of world trade has increased Germany's burdens, and the problem demands common action by all Governments, otherwise there will be a further catastrophe. The report urges restoration of confidence by adaptation of all debts as between countries, namely reparations and other debts.

Hoover Moratorium Bill Ratified.

(REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23. President Hoover has signed the Moratorium Bill, thus completing ratification of breathing space for Europe.

## PLANTER LOSES MEMORY FOUND IN LONDON HOTEL

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 23. The planter, Mr. Robert Taylor, who was reported missing yesterday, has been found in a Kensington Hotel. He is declared to be suffering from loss of memory as the result of an attack of malaria.

## STEAMER DAMAGED BY FIRE

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 23. The steamer Oostdijk with a cargo of copra and oil has been seriously damaged by fire in Rotterdam harbour.

## CHANGING SEX OF HUMAN BEINGS

AUSTRIAN SCIENTIST'S SENSATION

THEORY TRIED ON CATTLE

Berlin, Nov. 26. Dr. Eugen Steinach, Austrian wizard and gland expert, who a decade ago created a sensation with his rejuvenation process, is on the way toward still another sensation which may overshadow his first, changing the sex of human beings.

If the experiments which so far have proved successful in the animal world, are completed, and the process can be applied to humans, little girls who have been heard to wish enviously that they were little boys, might be able to have their wish come true, and wives who have been known to over-use the expression, "I wish I were man—just once" might be in a position to turn this phrase into a threat, or even an actuality.

Dr. Steinach's attention was drawn to the sex problem during his experiments on guinea pigs with X-ray in rejuvenation treatments, when he noticed that the so-called "yellow bodies" (corpus luteum, or lutein cells) which ordinarily exist only for a short period during fertilization, appeared in the ovary under influence of the rays. He continued the experiments and was able not only to change the female characteristics into male, but the body itself took on the outward form of the male, and although this change was not complete, the subjects acted as males during the rutting season. Furthermore, this change was permanent. The lutein cells remained, and Dr. Steinach concluded that they were the deciding factor in the development of male characteristics.

No Exceptions. After he had established the value of the secretion from the frontal lobe of the brain in rejuvenation and in re-awakening the production of hormones in the glands, he decided to try the same secretion in further experiments with sex. The result was the same as with the X-rays, the lutein cells grew rapidly, and the body changed completely into that of a male, although incapable of reproduction. This happened with every case. There were no exceptions.

The growth of the lutein cells as a result of injections of the brain secretion has been observed by several other scientists in the past few years, but the importance of Dr. Steinach's discovery lies in the establishment of a definite link between this growth, and the changes

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## CHRISTMAS AT HOME

MANY HOLIDAY MAKERS VISIT S. COAST

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Reuter, Dec. 23. Weather forecast for the Christmas holidays promises conditions to be fine and less cold than in the last few days. Recent popular expectations of the traditional "White" Christmas are not endorsed by meteorological experts who, however, forecast snow before the new year.

In spite of prevailing economic difficulties shopping centres have shown, in the last few days, the animation usual at this season, and traders report a large volume of business, though generally at lower prices than in recent years. To-day saw the beginning of the holiday traffic, and both railways and motor coach services are offering special reduced fares and numerous day and half-day excursions. Trains are being run in duplicate and often in triplicate to-day and to-morrow.

A feature of the holiday traffic is the large number of visitors to English resorts on the South Coast and elsewhere, and a corresponding reduction in Continental bookings.

## ON THE CONTINENT

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 23. The European landscape is set for a good old-fashioned "White" Christmas—except in Britain. From all parts of the Continent come reports of icy conditions. South Germany is under snow; France and Spain have had falls of snow in various provinces; the Riviera is in the grip of King Frost; Portugal is suffering from the coldest spell of many years; Greece lies under three feet of snow; in Rome the sprays of many fountains are frozen as they fall; at Florence the River Arno is icebound; Corsica has been without mail for two days, because of snowstorms; over the Black Sea a snowstorm is raging, while ice has paralysed traffic on the Sea of Marmora. But, along the South Coast of England, the weather forecasts are disappointing those who were hoping for and expecting the traditional "White" Christmas.

## QUEST FOR BURIED TREASURE

VAST HORDE BURIED BY GERMANS DURING THE WAR

Amur, Dec. 15.—An official treasure hunt for 300,000 gold francs which the Germans buried at the beginning of the Great War is to be carried out at Palais St. Vast. The hunt follows information given by a Polish national named Kalkinski and an enquiry by the French police.

The quest is being organised under the supervision of the Amur prefectural authorities and Kalkinski is participating in it.

Of sex characteristics in female mammals, Dr. Steinach believes that the lutein cells which are so developed artificially, develop a hormone, the action of which is similar to that of the working of the sperm in the male body, and that under certain conditions, this hormone can be made to appear in such quantities as to cause development of male characteristics.

In other words, he believes that the ovary produces two kinds of hormones, one which maintains and guards feminine characteristics, and the other containing male characteristics. Feminine development is possible because the male hormones are in the minority. When they are increased and strengthened, as with the brain serum, they proceed to destroy the feminine traits, and produce a change to masculinity.

Dr. Steinach has demonstrated this theory on cattle, using an extract from the lutein cells of the animals. With normal cows, the same effect was obtained as with the brain serum or the X-rays. The steers developed fully.

The Next Step. Experiments with the changing of males have not yet been undertaken. The next logical step will be experimentation with humans, but will be somewhat hampered, naturally, by the lack of subjects who are willing to undergo the change. The period of change varies according to the strength and physical condition of the subject. But with the perfection of the treatment, the problem of creating enough manpower for the next war should be comparatively easy, and although an army could not actually be created overnight, the first year of conflict could produce enough cannon fodder to fill up any depleted ranks in the rank.—United Press.

## COIL OF ROPE SAVES MARRIED COUPLE

WIFE'S WHIM JUSTIFIES ITSELF

(Reuter's Special Service.)

LONDON, Dec. 24. A wife's whim, that for years had threatened to mar the domestic bliss of Mr. and Mrs. Mason, of Pinner, Middlesex, justified itself yesterday and saved their lives. Since their marriage the wife had always insisted, despite her husband's protests, on keeping a coil of rope in the bedroom. Yesterday night the couple were awakened by smoke and found the staircase ablaze. Notwithstanding her anxiety to reach safety the wife murmured triumphantly, as she tied the rope to the foot of the bed, "I told you so," and let herself down into the street. Her husband also availed himself of the rope.

## THE PUBLIC AND CANCER.

WARNING AGAINST RASH CLAIMS.

NO "DRAMATIC" ADVANCES.

DR. J. A. MURRAY AND RESEARCH.

"The recurring extravagant announcements of new methods of treatment for cancer" are mentioned in the annual report of Dr. J. A. Murray, Director of the Imperial Cancer Research Fund, adopted by the general committee.

He said that they were led to the conclusion that they were "not yet in possession of such knowledge of the properties of the cancer cells as would indicate clearly the direction in which a rational specific therapy of cancer should proceed."

It was, perhaps, not too much to hope that his observations might help the lay and general medical public to appreciate the conservative and cautious attitude which these engaged in cancer research preserved towards these recurring announcements.

Not a "Gamble." "In particular," he states, "we should recommend that the layman should finally discard his attitude towards this medical and biological problem as a gamble, where success is equally likely to fall to the ignorant as to the instructed."

"This betrays a profoundly mistaken view of the nature of the cancer problem. Thirty years of cancer research have revealed that this problem possesses a complexity which was quite unexpected. The knowledge which has thus been gained justifies the hope that perhaps progress in the direction of an efficient cancer prophylaxis is possible."

"An advance along such lines is, however, not dramatic or sensational. But whatever the future of the cancer problem will be, it is certain that it will not yield to the sound of the trumpet."

## Avoidable Factors.

Sir Humphrey Rolleston, who reviewed the report before yesterday's meeting, in describing researches by Dr. Cramer, said that the conclusion seemed to be that "the majority of cancer deaths fall on a susceptible fraction of the population, roughly 10 per cent, the members of which respond relatively easily, by manifesting cancerous growths to forms of chronic irritation to which the whole population is exposed to much the same extent."

In conclusion he said that although there were many examples of the greater virility, or capacity for sustaining independent life, of cancer cells as compared with the normal, there was no evidence as yet available of a single property in which they were more vulnerable.

"This may sound pessimistic," he added, "but if it is true there should be no need to insist on the dangers of under-estimating the enemy. The knowledge obtained during the past thirty years is already indicating the broad lines along which prevention of cancer must proceed. The immediate problem of a rational treatment remains."

## SINO-JAPANESE CLASH FEARED.

AIDE MEMOIRES FROM BRITAIN AND FRANCE

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

TOKYO, Dec. 24. SERIOUS concern of the respective Governments regarding the possibility of a clash between Chinese and Japanese troops at Chinchow is understood to be expressed in aide memoirs presented at the Foreign Office, yesterday, by the British and French Ambassadors.

Similar apprehensions were verbally expressed by the American Ambassador, when he visited Mr. Inukai this morning. Mr. Inukai is reported to have replied that the present operations are directed entirely against bandits and other lawlessness, though he emphasised that there is little difference between Chinese regulars and irregulars, therefore it is advisable that the Chinchow regulars withdraw voluntarily for the purpose of avoiding a clash.

## ANTI-BANDIT OPERATIONS.

PARIS, Dec. 23.

The fact that the personnel of the Manchurian Commission of Inquiry drafted as Geneva still awaits definite appointment and sanction by the Sino-Japanese Governments, was made clear in connection with discussions this afternoon between M. Briand and Mr. Yoshizawa and the Chinese delegate, Mr. Hoo (who is replacing Dr. Sze), when it was understood, they dealt with the situation at Chinchow and the question of the composition of the Commission.

It is impossible to submit a complete list just now, as certain of those invited, whose names have already been published, including Lord Lytton, have not yet replied.

The scale of Japanese anti-bandit operations has caused misgivings in Chinese quarters, and induced Mr. Hoo to report about it to M. Briand and discuss possible eventualities. It is understood, in the event of any Japanese action, which the Chinese regard as contravening Article II. of the last League resolution, China may be expected to

## WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 5.15 p.m., stated:—

The anti-cyclone remains stationary to the north of the lower Yangtze Valley.

Local Forecast:—Northerly winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.

appeal again to the League which still officially has the matter in hand in accordance with Article VI. of the same resolution. It is undecided, however, upon which Article of the Covenant the appeal will be made.

## RUMOURS OF SALE OF C.E.R.

Moscow, Dec. 23.

In connection with reports in the British, Japanese and Chinese Press alleging that the Chairman of the Board of the Chinese Eastern Railway has agreed to concede to Japan the southern section of the railway, and also alleging that the U.S.S.R. has offered to sell to Japan the southern section of the C.E.R., and that the Board of the line is considering the sale of this section, and, finally, that the Japanese are buying up C.E.R. shares, the Tass Agency is authorised to state that all these reports are completely without foundation.

The Tass Agency is also authorised to state that neither the Chinese nor the Soviet side of the C.E.R. Board nor the Board as a whole has considered such questions.

space, and within a few minutes shot up in the air and made straight for the coast, en route to Canton with the Air Commander on board. Many baskets of the famous Chauchow oranges have been presented to Mr. Wong, and these formed part of his personal luggage.

As soon as this aeroplane disappeared from sight the engines of the remaining machines started going. In due course one aeroplane glided out and ascended. Another followed with two more in a triangle. Some exhibitions of somersaulting were then given and caused much amusement to the public. The other two planes also took their turn and flew low for the people to see them better.

Last Thursday night the Air Commander and the other aviators were entertained at Yung Peng Hotel. Many officials and prominent residents were present at the dinner.

The rest of the aeroplanes are returning to Canton on Monday next.

## THE INDIAN QUESTION

THREE COMMITTEES FORMED

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

Reuter, Dec. 23. The names were announced this morning of the British members of the Committees to continue the examination in India of the matters arising out of the discussions in London which the Prime Minister in his statement of December 14, at the final session of the conference, said it was the intention of the Government to appoint.

These members of the committees are proceeding to India on January 14. The names of the Indian members will be announced as soon as possible.

## Franchise Committee.

The following will serve on the Committee which is to investigate and advise on the revision of the franchise and the Constituencies: Lord Lochian, Under-Secretary of State for India, Chairman.

Sir Ernest Bennett, formerly a Liberal, he joined the Labour Party, in 1918.

Mr. R. A. Butler, M.P.

Lord Dufferin.

Sir John Kerr.

Major J. Milner.

The Hon. Miss Mary Pickford.

## Finance Committee.

The following will serve on the Committee which is to put to the test of detailed budgetary facts and figures, the recommendations of the Federal Finance Sub-committee: Lord Eustace, Percy, former Minister of Education, Chairman.

Sir Louis Kershaw, formerly of the Indian Civil Service and Assistant Under-Secretary at the India Office in 1924.

Mr. F. P. Robinson, a financial expert.

## State Finance.

The British members of the Committee which is to explore more fully the specific financial problems arising in connection with the individual States will be:

Mr. J. C. Davidson, Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster and former chairman of the Conservative Party, Chairman.

Lord Hastings.

Sir Robert Hutchison, former Liberal Chief Whip.

Sir Reginald Glynn, who spent 30 years in the Indian Civil Service and was appointed chairman of the Board of H.E.E. Nizam's Railways in 1930.

Sir Maurice Gwyer, a noted solicitor, Procurator-General and Solicitor to the Treasury since 1926.

Chief British delegate to the Hague Conference on International Law in 1930.

It is stated that further announcements regarding the scope and character of the committees' work will be issued shortly.

## CELEBRATION IN SWATOW.

WELCOME TO AIR COMDR. WONG.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

SWATOW, Dec. 19. Swatow was yesterday an fête and practically everybody took a day off. The occasion was to extend a welcome to Air Commander Wong of Canton, who travelled to Swatow by plane in company with six other planes. The weather was simply ideal for such a celebration. The aerodrome was thrown open to all and the seven aeroplanes, lying aside of each other, proved a very interesting sight to the public.

Many civil and military officials were present, including representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, the Students Association, and other organisations.

From early in the morning the people commenced to make their way to the aerodrome—a good distance from the town. Some travelled on foot, others by bus or rickshas or by cars. All the garages have had an opportunity to reap a good harvest yesterday. The cars available were not sufficient to cope with the demand, and the garages were crowded with hundreds of people waiting for the return of an empty car. In some cases the cars had scarcely come back when they were engaged on the way. Nothing like it was seen before here.

One full hour was devoted to inspection of the machines. People of all classes could be seen everywhere, and the hills on the side of the aerodrome were thronged with eager-looking faces, all of which presented a remarkable spectacle.

At 11 a.m. the ceremony began in a small makeshift specially erected. After the usual tribute was paid to the photograph of the Kuomintang leader, speeches were made in succession by various officials. This done, the arduous work of clearing the field followed. The Chief of Police himself was seen driving a car and keeping the crowd to the lines with the assistance of soldiers.

The big seven-seater plane, then started to glide out to the open

## THE NEW CUNARD LINER

COMPANY MUST BUILD FAST SHIP

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

LONDON, Dec. 23. The Cunard Company states it has not received any communication from the French Government or Compagnie Generale Transatlantique in regard to cessation of building of ships. The Cunard Company is aware that, after the recent visit of M. Laval to Berlin Franco-German steamship companies have been discussing the limitation of tonnage, but the new Cunarders is necessary for the Company's express services of mail steamers to the United States. The Cunard Company pointed out that since 1914, when the Aquitania was lost, the express ship built for the Cunard commenced its career, the French line built two express liners and is constructing a third similar in tonnage to the new Cunarder, while the Germans have introduced the Bremen and Europe of fifty thousand tons each the fastest Atlantic liners, and the Italians are building two vessels of about fifty thousand tons each.

Sunday and is sure to put up a good show. Vamoose is shifting well now-a-days and ought to be somewhere there at the finish.

At 150 pounds, Bay of Bellingham II. should not have much trouble in accounting for this race. Sunning has been shaping very well lately but is not likely to carry 105 pounds and account for the field. Heliotrope Leaf is in at the comfortable weight of 152 pounds and appear to be a good thing for a place.

The last race over six furlongs include a number of entries from owners of Macao subs, but it is not likely that the race will go to them. Celerity, Sans Souci, Bright Eyes, Brown Eyes, and Sunny Day appear to be better bets. If any Macao pony is coming in at all it will be New King, but the pony is carrying 165 pounds and that is a great factor against him.

## SELECTIONS.

The selections for to-day are as follows:—

Race 1.

Daylight Eye.

Ataman.

Paul Pry.

Race 2.

Imperial Hall.

Cloud Eye.

The Gomeril.

Race 3.

Golden Glory.

Lonesome Life.

Wiggie Waggle.

Race 4.

Blue Heaven.

The Quail.

Vamoose.

Race 5.

Bay of Bellingham II.

Sunning.

Heliotrope Leaf.

Race 6.

Celerity.

Sans Souci.

New King.

## MACAO RACES.

INTERESTING FIXTURES FOR SUNDAY.

SOME SELECTIONS FOR PUNTERS.

(By "MORNING DEW.")

The Fourth Extra Race Meeting of the Macao Jockey Club has been fixed for Sunday and there are six interesting events on the card. Unlike former meetings, there are some very good entries and fields should not be scanty.

With the fixtures of the Hong Kong Jockey Club completed for the year 1931, there is little doubt but that a number of ponies, with not very bright prospects ahead of them at the forthcoming Annual Meeting, will seek to earn something towards their keep by taking part in the racing both at Fanning and Macao.

There are six items on the card and the race that is sure to attract a great deal of interest is the third event over five furlongs for Macao. Subscription griffins which have arrived in Hong Kong since October 18. There are also races for "B" class ponies, and the last race on the programme is an event over six furlongs where old subs of the Hong Kong Jockey Club can try conclusions with the best of the new subs of the Macao Jockey Club.

## Daylight Eye.

The programme opens with a race over a mile and a quarter in which there are eleven entries. Daylight Eye carries 165 pounds in this event, but his excellent performance in Hong Kong a fortnight ago should earn him many supporters on Sunday. He should not have much difficulty in accounting for the race. Ataman has only 161 pounds to carry and as the pony appears to be very fit at the moment, he might spring a surprise. Paul Pry also is running well and should not be overlooked. Of the others, Orlando is sure to find a number of supporters, but is not likely to run away with this race.

The second race is for "C" class ponies over a mile and Imperial Hall looks as though he has an easy thing here. Cloud Eye is quite good over this distance but 160 pounds will tell on him. The Gomeril if taken out by Mr. Frost has a distinct chance and is a very good place bet in any case.

The third race is over five furlongs for new Macao subs and little is known of these ponies. In any case, a five furlong race is also a good thing for punters and the starters ought to be all fairly well backed. From one who has seen these ponies, I understand that Golden Glory is quite good while some of those with a chance of getting in are Lonesome Life, Wiggie Waggle and Bonzo.

## Blue Heaven for a Place.

The fourth race, for ponies in the "C2" Class is over a mile and in view of his consistent performance lately, Blue Heaven looks as if he will get a place. The Quail ran a good race in Kwanti last

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# Sports News

## CRICKET NOTES.

### THE SLAUGHTER AMONG THE INNOCENTS.

[By R. ABBIT.]

There was uncommonly little good batting at the Civil Service ground on Saturday last, and the Civil Service did not make the come back that is always possible though not very probable. Owen Hughes is at his deadliest with batmen of the type who know quite a lot about batting but are not so good at expressing it in action. There seems a sort of idea about that to take four wickets in four balls is an amazing and epoch-making feat. It has been many times done out here in the last fifteen years, and that would apply to cricket all over the world. Richardson played a gallant knock but apart from that the rest of the story was improper.

#### The Expected Happens.

I had rather anticipated a draw. Lyle was evidently a bit scared of the Gunners' batting and held on to 175 when he declared after a fairly level display by the K.C.C.

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#### Forthcoming Games.

The first match of the Triangular Tournament takes place to-morrow on the Club ground where H.K.C.C. is at home to the Army. Both teams have been published in the papers and I will not weary my readers by reprinting the full sides. I am indeed glad to see that T. E. Pearce is not playing for the Club. It must be the first time for very many years that he has not taken part in the Christmas match when he has been in the Colony. In the old days we used to have our Christmas games in the Cricket Club and one of our earliest recollections is of T. E. Pearce and R. Hancock presiding over our very cheerful affairs somewhere about 1915. However I hope we shall see him out in the New Year Match. The Club are not strong. Richardson, Sayer and McClellan are playing and may get some runs, though on the selection of the last named is amazing. Griffiths was down to play but I have been told he has called off, though I cannot vouch for it.

#### The Army Side.

I shall be very surprised if a draw is not the result of the game which begins according to the time published by the Club at 10.30 a.m. and according to the Army time at 11 a.m. I imagine the latter is a pretty safe shot. The Soldiers have a powerful side out, taking this year's standard of cricket. Whitley is said to be a new and coming bowler, medium fast with plenty of pace from the pitch, and on occasions a bit of leg spin. I shall be interested to see how he does in his first big match here. So often a man fails to do himself justice and fades out, though in this case the Army side are playing right through with a two day match on Monday and Tuesday. Navy and a two day match on to-morrow week and Sunday week against Kowloon. Williams has been getting a lot of runs in small cricket lately and I am hoping to see him come off with the bat at last. Captain Gottwald and Captain Wales have made a lot of runs in second League cricket, while Anstruther is useful all round. The bowling is pretty useful with Mirehouse, Whitley, Murrell, Williams, Hamilton and Anstruther. I have been told by the Shanghai skipper that on his bowling in the Services Match, Leach considers A. C. Hamilton just about the best bowler we have here after Bowker. So if anyone does win the match I think it will be the Army.

#### Cricket in Kowloon.

On Boxing Day, to-morrow that is, I hear Kowloon are playing a twelve aside match against the Navy. Their team consists of J. C. Lyle, F. R. Goodwin, E. C. Fincher, F. R. Zimmermann, E. F. Fincher, W. Hung, N. A. MacKay, G. C. Burnett, P. E. Lawrence, F. S. W. Smith, G. A. White and Hampton.

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## FANLING HUNT.

### H.E. THE GOVERNOR ENJOYS GOOD DAY WITH HOUNDS.

[By "REYNARD."]

Hounds seemed to have "that Christmas feeling" on Wednesday when the meet took place at the Kennels. Moving off towards Kitten Hill, hounds were soon away on a fast line up the Ta Ko Lin Vale and were hunting beautifully together.

Major Somerville was seen early on to take a somersault and other falls followed in quick succession, fortunately without any disastrous results. What remained of the field at the end of the first run did a smart two furlongs to catch up with hounds at the end of the "Gallop." Here a fifteen minute check enabled Mr. Corbett (the fox) to get away on the new line which started near the Police Patrol path.

#### "The Kill."

Heading for Telegraph Pass, hounds went away at a great pace on a breast-high scent across a most enjoyable bit of country in which every type of obstacle common to this country was met. It needed a strong pony and a good eye for country to keep near hounds who were running even faster than in the first run to "kill" about a mile or so from the kennels.

A noticeable feature of this season's hunting has been the large numbers turning out to meets. The field on Boxing Day is expected to be a record when the meet will be at "Anandale" by kind permission of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Paterson, who so kindly offered their hospitality to members of the hunt on Boxing Day last year.

A Cap will again be taken for the benefit of the kennelmen who have put in a great deal of hard work behind the scenes.

On Wednesday, December 30, the meet will be at the Hunters' Arms at 2.15 p.m. when a really good run is promised.

I don't know the full Navy team but presume it will consist of R. J. Shaw, Hargrave and nine others, with an exceedingly expert skipper in the person of Captain Burnett, if his hand is all right again. The match rather resolves itself into a question of whether Shaw and Hargrave come off. There is plenty of sound batting lower down but I don't think it likely to produce runs quickly. I understand the game begins at 10.30 a.m.

#### The Inter-Services Match.

Again, I don't know the Navy side for the match against the Army on Monday and Tuesday, but I imagine they will be at full strength. The Senior Service have a knack of upsetting all expectations but their bowling is so weak that I do not see how they can upset the Army side. I wish I could hope to see more of the game then.

#### K.C.C. v. Army.

The Kowloon Club are playing the Army on Saturday, January 2, 1932, the first being taken at 12 noon about in the K.C.C. pavilion if it is a half day, but if it is a holiday the game will start at eleven—or so I am told. It will be continued at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, January 3. The Army are playing the team picked against the Club and Kowloon drop Hampton and White from the team already published in these Notes, and being in F. E. Skinner. This should definitely be the strongest combination they can put out and there should be a really magnificent game. If they allow me on to the ground after my pointed remarks last week, I propose to spend a quiet Sunday and expect to see some really sporting cricket.

#### A Merry Christmas.

It is always a curious feeling in writing a cricket article to top up with wishing one's readers the Compliments of the Season, and somehow or other practice does not make it any easier. The only real connecting link between Christmas and cricket is that they both begin with a C. However, such is our climate, and it is my pleasant duty to tender my best wishes to my readers, and to those kind folk who supply me with information, for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

R. ABBIT.

## HOME FOOTBALL.

### LEAGUE GAMES DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

#### PROGRAMME FOR TO-DAY AND TO-MORROW.

The majority of teams in the English League commence their holiday programme of football matches to-day and there will be a full day to-morrow. Scottish League teams are only engaged to-morrow. The following are the fixtures for the two days:—

#### CHRISTMAS DAY.

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|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| Division I.                | Middlesbrough v. Everton. |
| Aston Villa v. Blackburn.  | Sheff. Wed. v. Bolton.    |
| Blackpool v. Leicester.    | Sheff. U. v. West Brom.   |
| Bolton v. West Ham.        |                           |
| Derby v. Wednesday.        |                           |
| Liverpool v. Huddersfield. |                           |
| Newcastle v. Arsenal.      |                           |
| Sheff. U. v. Birmingham.   |                           |

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| Division II.              | Leeds v. Preston N.E. |
| Bradford v. Southampton.  |                       |
| Burnley v. Wolves.        |                       |
| Chesterfield v. Barnsley. |                       |
| Manchester U. v. Torquay. |                       |
| Millwall v. Notts Forest. |                       |
| Notts C. v. Bradford C.   |                       |
| Stoke v. Charlton.        |                       |
| Swansea v. Luton.         |                       |
| Tottenham v. Fulham.      |                       |

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| Division III. (South).   | Bournemouth v. Reading. |
| Cardiff v. Northampton.  |                         |
| Exeter v. Brighton.      |                         |
| Gloucester v. Bristol R. |                         |
| Grimsby v. Queen's P.R.  |                         |
| Wrexham v. Norwich.      |                         |

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| Division III. (North).   | Wrexham v. Lincoln. |
| Accrington v. Rotherham. |                     |
| Chester v. York.         |                     |
| Crawley v. Hartlepool.   |                     |
| Doncaster v. Hull.       |                     |
| Southport v. Walsall.    |                     |
| Stockport v. Carlisle.   |                     |
| Tranmere v. Rochdale.    |                     |

#### BOXING DAY.

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| Division I.                   | Sheff. U. v. West Brom. |
| Arsenal v. Blackpool.         |                         |
| Birmingham v. Chelsea.        |                         |
| Derby v. Sunderland.          |                         |
| Everton v. Blackburn.         |                         |
| Huddersfield v. Newcastle.    |                         |
| Leicester v. Bolton.          |                         |
| Middlesbrough v. Aston Villa. |                         |
| Portsmouth v. Manchester C.   |                         |
| Wedge v. Liverpool.           |                         |
| West Ham v. Grimsby.          |                         |

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| Division II.                  | Millwall v. Swansea. |
| Barnsley v. Tottenham.        |                      |
| Bradford C. v. Bradford U.    |                      |
| Leeds U. v. Stoke.            |                      |
| Notts Forest v. Bristol C.    |                      |
| Oldham v. Bury.               |                      |
| Plymouth v. Notts C.          |                      |
| Port Vale v. Burnley.         |                      |
| Preston N.E. v. Chesterfield. |                      |
| Southampton v. Manchester U.  |                      |
| Wolves v. Wolves.             |                      |

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| Division III. (South).  | Clapton O. v. Mansfield. |
| Bournemouth v. Thames.  |                          |
| Brighton v. Luton.      |                          |
| Bristol R. v. Southend. |                          |
| Cardiff v. Brentford.   |                          |
| Exeter v. Gillingham.   |                          |
| Fulham v. Watford.      |                          |
| Gloucester v. Torquay.  |                          |
| Grimsby v. Coventry.    |                          |
| Hull v. Crystal P.      |                          |
| Reading v. Reading.     |                          |
| Swindon v. Swindon.     |                          |

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| Division III. (North).    | Stockport v. Gateshead. |
| Carlisle v. Hull.         |                         |
| Halifax v. Chester.       |                         |
| Hartlepool v. Darlington. |                         |
| Lincoln v. Tranmere.      |                         |
| New Brighton v. Crewe.    |                         |
| Rochdale v. Southport.    |                         |
| Rotherham v. Accrington.  |                         |
| Walsall v. Doncaster.     |                         |
| Wrexham v. Wrexham.       |                         |
| York v. York.             |                         |

#### SCOTTISH LEAGUE.

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| Aberdeen v. Airdrie.        |  |
| Clyde v. Cowdenbeath.       |  |
| Dundee U. v. Celtic.        |  |
| Falkirk v. Partick.         |  |
| Glasgow v. Ayr.             |  |
| Hamilton v. Hearts.         |  |
| Kilmarnock v. Third Lanark. |  |
| Leith v. Dundee.            |  |
| Morton v. St. Mirren.       |  |
| Queen's Park v. Motherwell. |  |
| Rangers v. Rangers.         |  |

#### CRICKET.

### H.K.C.C. SECONDS' TEAM FOR TO-DAY.

The following will represent the Hong Kong C.C. 2nd XI against the R.A.C.C. on the latter's ground at 2.00 p.m. to-morrow: C. E. Gahagan (Captain), R. R. Devier, J. B. Way, L. D. Kilbee, L. A. Whips, P. W. J. Plummer, J. R. Ratten, J. M. Sunley, A. Harbord, L. B. Smith and A. N. Other.

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The Civil Service Cricket Club will be "At Home" to their friends to-morrow afternoon on the occasion of the opening of their new pavilion. Lady Peel will perform the ceremony at 3 o'clock. There will be a Christmas Tree and sports for the children.

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## LOCAL FOOTBALL.

### PROGRAMME DURING THE HOLIDAYS.

The Sunday Herald Charity Cup football match will be played to-day at 3.30 p.m. on the Club ground at Happy Valley, between teams representing England and Scotland.

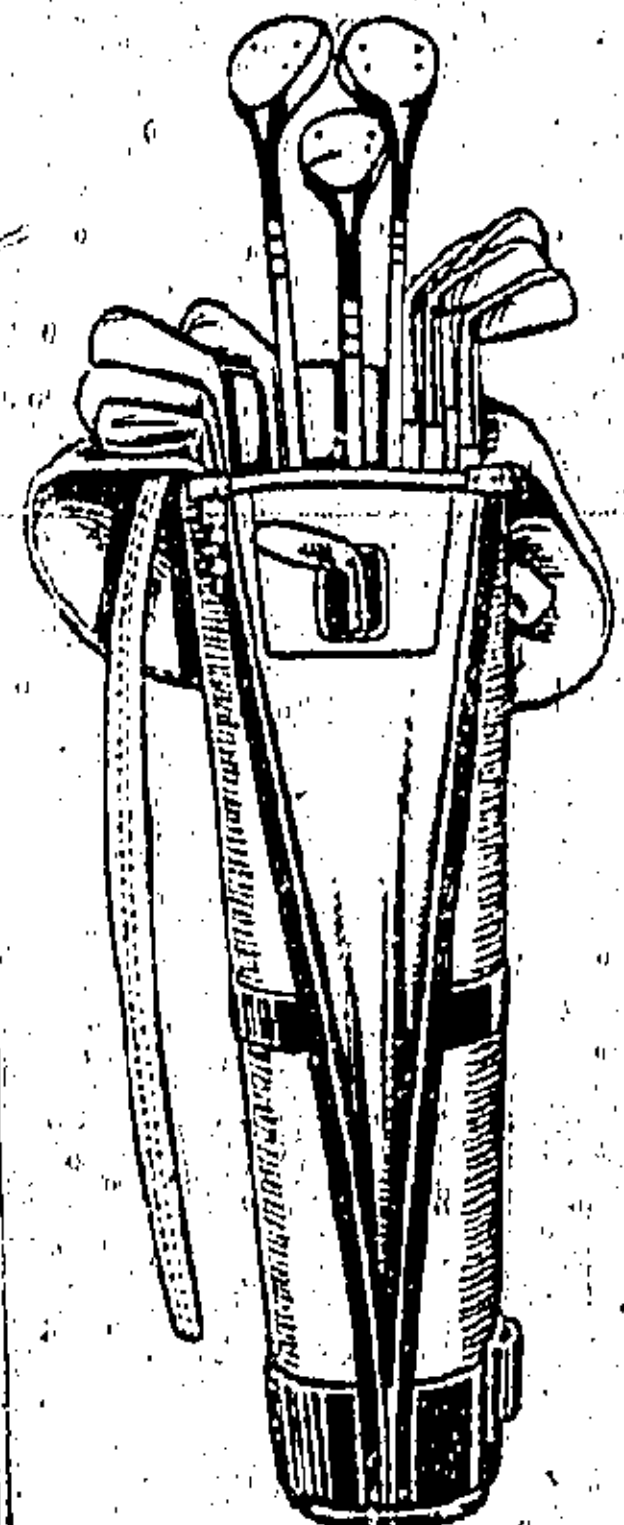
The game to-morrow in the same series is between Wales and Portugal.

There are three games in the Chinese League to-morrow, as follows:—

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| Chinese Athletics "B" v. Yee Woo at 2.30 p.m., Caroline Hill. |
| South China "A" v. South China "B" at 4 p.m., Caroline Hill.  |
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#### HOLIDAY STARTING TIMES.

##### CHRISTMAS DAY.

##### New Course.

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J. Armstrong.

9.30 " R. R. Davis and J.  
Forbes.

##### Old Course.

9.15 a.m. G. V. T. Marshall and  
J. B. Lanyon.

9.24 " \*I. Hight and H. W.  
Dulley.

9.28 " J. A. R. Selby and D. S.  
Robb.

9.32 " C. O. Leiper and H. M.  
Muir.

9.36 " J. W. Bundred and H.  
C. Shrubsole.

9.40 " C. Gardner and J. G.  
Campbell.

9.44 " F. A. Morry and L. R.  
Andrews.

9.48 " G. H. McBean and T. E.  
Docksey.

9.52 " W. C. Shields and J.  
Forbes.

9.56 " D. C. Bruce and J. R.  
Masson.

10.00 " B. D. Evans and R. W.  
Taplin.

10.04 " A. Sommerfelt and S. T.  
Butlin.

10.08 " I. H. Geare and C. My-  
cock.

10.12 " W. R. Vallance and C.  
W. F. Booker.

10.16 " E. des Vaux and A. O.  
Brawn.

10.20 " A. Reid and C. Thome-  
son.

10.24 " N. S. Ellis and H. L. P.  
Ewin.

##### BOXING DAY.

##### New Course.

9.28 a.m. F. M. Hartley and H.  
Green.

9.36 " E. des Vaux and A. C.  
Gopin.

9.44 " Mrs. Lissaman and Mrs.  
Robertson.

9.52 " A. R. Cox and J. Forbes.

10.00 " C. P. Ross and J. P.  
Sherry.

10.04 " J. K. Bousfield and S.  
R. Waller.

10.08 " Mrs. Bousfield and Mrs.  
Dodwell.

##### Old Course.

9.15 a.m. \*E. J. Dowley and J. B.  
Lanyon.

9.24 " \*D. R. Kinloch and J.  
Stuart.

9.28 " G. T. May and H. P.  
Bailey.

9.32 " C. F. Hyde and J. W.  
Mayhew.

9.36 " J. G. Campbell and N.  
K. Littlejohn.

9.40 " F. C. Black and S. J.  
H. Cox.

9.44 " W. Woodward and G. H.  
Bond.

9.48 " Comdr. Morris and J.  
W. Alabaster.

9.52 " T. Low and S. S. Cook.

9.56 " C. B. Johnson and D. E.  
Clark.

10.00 " N. S. Ellis and J. Gar-  
dner.

10.04 " E. M. Bryden and G.  
Thomson.

10.08 " C. C. Stark and I. H.  
Geare.

10.12 " M. N. Cochrane and A.  
J. A. Wolff.

10.16 " F. A. Morry and E. J.  
K. Weeks.

10.20 " C. R. Holmes and G. W.  
Sevell.

10.24 " P. Lewis and S. S.  
Perry.

10.28 " L. G. S. Dodwell and E.  
D. Matthews.

10.32 " C. Blaker and H. S.  
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10.36 " A. A. Lissaman and K.  
S. Robertson.

10.40 " R. C. Law and D. S.  
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10.44 " J. MacKnight and H.  
H. Mundy.

10.48 " C. Mycock and A. D.  
Humphreys.

10.52 " A. B. Raworth and L.  
R. Andrews.

10.56 " J. F. M. Stevenson and  
T. E. Docksey.

11.00 " R. Gordon and G. V. T.  
Marshall.

11.04 " J. W. Denham and T. B.  
McKerrin.

11.08 " G. W. Reeve and W.  
Mulcahy.

11.12 " D. M. Richards and H.  
H. Beddow.

##### SUNDAY.

##### New Course.

9.28 a.m. Mrs. Sherry and H. M.  
Muir.

9.36 " G. V. T. Marshall and  
D. Danby.

##### Old Course.

9.15 to 9.20 a.m. Not to be booked  
by players travelling by  
8.28 a.m. train.

9.24 a.m. \*A. E. Lissaman and W.  
R. Wallace.

9.28 " E. G. S. Dodwell and A.  
Sommerfelt.

9.32 " R. K. Hepburn and A.  
Reid.

9.36 " J. P. Sherry and G. W.  
Sevell.

9.40 " H. Hampton and A. W.  
Muir.

9.44 " A. C. I. Bowker and D.  
G. Bruce.

9.48 " N. K. Littlejohn and A.  
R. Cox.

9.52 " K. S. Robertson and C.  
Mycock.

9.56 " K. Young and D. Forbes.

10.00 " A. B. Purves and E. des  
Vaux.

10.04 " Y. T. Gordon and A.  
Ritchie.

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December 28, 1931, Christmas Day.

Morning Service at 10 a.m.

Preacher:—Rev. E. G. Powell.

SUNDAY, Dec. 27, Choir Sunday.

Morning Service at 11 a.m.

Evening Service at 8 p.m.

Special Music at both Services.

Morning.

Preacher:—Rev. E. G. Powell.

Solists:—Mrs. F. C. E. Randall  
and Mrs. G. McLeod.

Evening Service at 8 p.m.

Choral Service from Handel's Messiah.

Solists:—Mrs. Bowes-Smith, Mrs.  
H. L. Lockhart, Mr. H. Annis,  
Mr. H. Bailey.

Social Hour after Evening Service.

Community Singing conducted by  
Dr. L. T. Ride.

Sunday School:—

Kennedy Road at 10 a.m.

Taikeo at 2.45 p.m.

#### WESLEYAN METHODIST CHURCH, WANCHAI.

(Opposite Royal Naval Hospital,  
Queen's Road, East).

DECEMBER 28, 1931, Christmas Day.

Special Christmas Service 10.15 a.m.

Preacher:—Rev. Errie C. H. Tribbeck.

Subject:—"WONDERING AND PON-  
DERING."

SUNDAY, December 27, 1931:—

Morning Service at 10.15 a.m.

Evening Service at 8.00 p.m.

Preacher: at both Services:—  
Rev. Errie C. H. Tribbeck.

All are welcome.

#### SAILORS' AND SOLDIERS'

HOME, WANCHAI.

22, Hennessy Road

Every Sunday at 3 p.m.—Bible Class.

8.15 p.m. Service

Men's Hour.

Boxing Day 28, December 1931:—

Special Christmas Party for Service  
Men, at 7 p.m.

TUESDAY, at 8 p.m. Fellowship Hour.

THURSDAY, December 31, 11 p.m.

Watchnight Service in the Sailors'  
& Soldiers' Home.

All are welcome.

10.08 " W. A. Weight and J. S.  
Dykes.

10.12 " I. G. Allison and G. E.  
R. Divett.

10.16 " J. W. Alabaster and A.  
O. Brawn.

10.20 " N. S. Ellis and R. I.  
Cherrill.

10.24 " E. M. Bryden and D. S.  
Robb.

10.28 " G. T. May and A. J. R.  
Wolff.

10.32 " J. E. Richardson and E.  
D. Matthews.

10.36 " J. P. Hollingdale and  
R. R. Davies.

10.40 " H. H. Williams and H.  
C. Gould.

10.44 " H. C. Shrubsole and J.  
Coulthart.

10.48 " L. R. Andrews and F.  
A. Merly.

10.52 " H. C. Watson and J. H.  
Masson.

10.56 " W. C. Shields and I. H.  
Geare.

11.00 " D. J. Fraser and S. R.  
Waller.

11.04 " J. R. Hinton and R. C.  
Law.

11.08 " T. Low and T. R.  
Chassells.

11.12 " F. A. Redmond and A.  
D. Humphreys.

11.16 " P. S. Grant and J. B.  
Lanyon.

11.20 " C. J. D. Law and S. J.  
H. Fox.

11.24 " W. D. Denham and G.  
B. McKerrin.

\*These players (the first four on  
the Old Course after the arrival of  
8.28 a.m. train) should get their  
clubs and go to the first tee where  
chaddies will be waiting for them.  
They will get their discs from the  
Superintendent.

### U.S. NATIONAL OPEN GOLF TOURNAMENT.

WILFRED COX WINS FROM  
GEORGE VON ELM BY 3 AND 8.

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 15.—

Wilfred Cox to-day won the nation-  
al match play open golf tourna-  
ment, when, by a score of six up  
and five to play, he defeated George  
Von Elm, Cox was superior  
throughout the competition and in  
the final round he remained steady,  
while Von Elm broke down badly.

### L'ART MODERNE

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SABINO GLASSWARE  
TABLE LAMPS  
BOOK-ENDS  
GLASS AND  
CERAMIQUE VASES

CARPETS  
RUGS  
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Modern designs by well-known artists

## "DOG'S HEAD" GUINNESS.



### THE FINEST TONIC.

Enjoy a glass of Dog's Head Guinness  
with your tiffin to-day.

OBTAINABLE EVERYWHERE.

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## GO TO THE DOGS!

### The Macau Greyhound Racing Club

## GRAND OPENING

26th DECEMBER and 27th DECEMBER

Commencing at 9 p.m. each night

Admittance to Public Enclosure 40 cents Canton currency.

Members must show their badges at the entrance gates.

Non Members to members' stand \$1.00 Hong Kong currency.

### Special steamers will run to Macao as follows:

#### SATURDAY

S.S. Sui An ..... 8 a.m.

S.S. Cheung Chow ..... 2 p.m.

S.S. Venezia ..... 2 p.m.

S.S. Sui An ..... 4.30 p.m.

#### SUNDAY

S.S. Taishan ..... 9 a.m.

S.S. Venezia ..... 9 a.m.

S.S. Sui An ..... 3.30 p.m.

### Special steamers will return to Hong Kong as follows:

#### SUNDAY

S.S. Taishan ..... 5.15 p.m.

#### MONDAY

S.S. Venezia } Will leave Macao at 3 a.m. a few hours after the  
S.S. Sui An } greyhound racing has concluded and will arrive at  
Hong Kong at 7 a.m. on Monday morning.

## GO TO THE DOGS!

BOXOR



**The B-B-C-Company**

*Wishing*

**YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS**

Agent of Exchange  
for  
Chinese Arts and Curious  
13, Ice House St.

*"Worth waiting for"*

**W. & A. Gilbey's Whisky**



Also in pints  
and flasks

Spey-Royal's  
the name  
And wide is  
its fame

Obtainable from a Wine Merchants  
Sole Representatives:—  
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China Building  
Dial 23288 Hong Kong

### CHINA LIGHT CO. REPORT.

#### DIVIDEND OF FIFTY CENTS.

The annual report of the China Light and Power Co., Ltd., to be presented at the meeting of shareholders on the 31st instant, at noon, states:

The gross profit is \$813,633.20, plus scrip fees and exchange, \$1,123.52; amount brought forward from last year, \$43,394.33; total, \$858,150.14.

After allowing for Directors' and Auditors' Fees, \$13,000; Contingent Expenses, \$3,547.22; Loss on Sale of No. 2 Alternator, \$2,000; and Sinking Fund Instalment, \$4,588.20; interest, \$6,338.45; Change of Voltage Expenses, \$48,863.79; depreciation on Buildings, Plant, Stock and C/Pressure and C/Frequency, \$22,790.29; total \$201,617.04; the Directors recommend the declaration of dividend in respect of the financial year ended September 30, 1931, of 50 cents per share on 999,507 shares, absorbing \$500,753.50; leaving a balance to be carried forward to the new year's account of \$65,755.60.

Directors.—During the year, Mr. J. Scott Harrison resigned from the Board, and Mr. Felix A. Joseph accepted a seat in his place. The Board now consists of the following gentlemen:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (ex-officio), Chairman, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. C. A. de Rosa, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Sir Elly Kadocrie, K.B.E., the Hon. Mr. J. P. Braxa, Mr. Lawrence Kadocrie and Mr. Felix A. Joseph. Under Article 96 of the Articles of Association, Sir Robert Ho Tung and Sir Elly Kadocrie retire, but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

Auditors.—The accounts have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews and Messrs. Linstead and Davis, who are eligible for re-election.

#### VESSELS' MOVEMENTS.

The B.I. s.s. "Thawa" will leave Amoy for this port tomorrow (Saturday) afternoon, and is due to arrive here on Sunday, the 27th inst.

### HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

#### WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Hong Kong, Dec. 24.

Upon the completion of the Settlement on Tuesday the market made a rapid recovery, that afternoon, and has continued active throughout the week.

Quite a number of stocks in the list have been marked up since, especially in a number of the smaller denominations, and the closing undertone is decidedly firm.

The Stock Exchange takes this opportunity of wishing all their customers a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year. Banks.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Banks have continued on the quiet side. After coming to business at \$1.505 shares can now be obtained at last week's quotation—\$1.500. The London rate is, £103½ (middle).

Insurance.—The only transactions to be reported in this section are Unions at \$415/\$425. The remainder of the stocks continue at last week's nominal rates.

Shipping.—Douglases show an advance with buyers at \$25, with few shares coming out. Waterboats, after coming to business at \$24, have buyers at this rate. Hong Kong Steamboats changed hands at \$24. Shells (Herr) are 34/45.

Mining.—This section of our market is still uninteresting. Raubs are on offer at \$40. Kailan Mining shares have fallen back slightly to 27/6.

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, Etc.—Kowloon Wharves were the medium of sales at \$153½, and close with buyers at \$153. Whampoa Docks have not moved from \$29. China Providents (old) have been dealt in to a fair extent at \$3.35, and close in demand at \$3.30. The new shares are still in request at \$2.35. Hongkew at \$1.25, New Engineering at \$1.25, and Shanghai Docks at \$1.25 remain nominal.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hong Kong and Shanghai Hotels (old), which have been a firm market, show a substantial advance. Sales were put through up to \$15.35, and at the close buyers prevail at \$15.30. The new shares were done at \$14.85, closing in demand at \$14.4. Hong Kong Land show an advance to \$81, closing with buyers at this figure. Humphreys (old) were bid up to \$19. The new shares are unchanged. Hong Kong Realities were put through at \$11.70/\$11.60. Chinese Estates have buyers at \$85. Shanghai Lands are \$1.30 nominal.

Public Utilities.—Hong Kong Trams have attracted attention throughout the week. Business was done at \$91.20 at the outset, and there are now buyers at \$91. Peak Trams (old) and (new) have been uninteresting at nominal rates. Star Ferries are stationary at \$96½. China Lights have been the medium of business at \$27/\$27.30. Hong Kong Electric, which were negotiated at \$78½/\$77½, have buyers at the close at the latter quotation. Telephones (part paid) were dealt in at the outset at \$22½/\$22.50, but have since strengthened and there are buyers at \$29 cum call.

Industrials.—Cements (combined) have regained strength during the week. At the commencement of the period under review shares were booked at \$18.90/\$18.00, but later business was done at the improved rate of \$19.30. At the close the demand continues at this quotation. The old shares are wanted at \$124. Hong Kong Ropes have advanced on last week's quotation. Sales were negotiated at \$17, and at the close \$18½ was bid. Canton Leas are \$54 nominal.

Stores, Etc.—Dairy Farms have buyers at \$22½. Watsons are wanted at \$16. Lane Crawford (old) and (new) are \$6.60 and \$6.10 nominal, respectively.

Miscellaneous.—Hong Kong Amusements are in request at \$19.90. Entertainments are unchanged. South China Enterprises remain featureless at \$10. Constructions (old) are wanted at \$5.55, and the same remark applies to the new shares at \$1.00.

Cotton Mills.—Ewes were dealt in at \$15.35/\$15.60. Shanghai Cottons are \$1.32 and Zoong Sings \$1.12—both nominal.

#### EXCHANGE RATES.

(BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.)

	Rugby, Dec. 23.
Paris	87½
New York	3.42½
Montreal	4.17½
Brussels	24.60
Geneva	17 9/16
Amsterdam	8 17/32
Milan	67½
Berlin	14.40
Stockholm	15
Copenhagen	16½
Oslo	16½
Vienna	30
Prague	116½
Helsingfors	940
Madrid	40½
Lisbon	106½
Athens	260
Bucharest	570
Rio	4½
Buenos Aires	41
Montevideo	31½
Bombay	1/6 9/64
Shanghai	1/11½
Hong Kong	1/6 11/16
Yokohama	2.4½
Silver (spot)	19 15/16
Silver (forward)	20½

### LOCAL ESTATES.

#### CHARITY REQUESTS.

Local estate worth \$47,300 was left by the late Ma Joe Gum (or Kum), merchant, late of 2 Babelton Path, Hong Kong, who died at 13, Rua Horata E. Costa, Macao, on June 7, 1931. Probate has been granted to the widow, Ah Shi, of 2, Babelton Path.

Testator directs that the estate be realigned and divided into ten shares, eight of which are given over to the executrix to administer. One share is to be donated towards the charitable fund of the Christian Society Hospital, as a token of respect. Half of another share is to go to the Kung Yick She of his native Village for its expenses, and the other half is to be used for repairing ancestral graves and worshipping purposes.

Letters of administration in the estate of the late Tso Sui, alias Tso Sui, alias Ho Sue, of Oakland, San Francisco, U.S.A., who died in April this year while on a voyage from Seattle to Hong Kong on board the s.s. President Madison, have been granted to his son, Tso Woon Lu, of 82, Connaught Road West. Tso Sui disappeared during the voyage, and death was presumed to have occurred on an order made by the Chief Justice (Sir Joseph Kemp).

### CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

OPEN TO ALL READERS

\$100.00

FOR THE BEST LETTERS

ALL YOU HAVE TO DO IS TO STUDY THE ADVERTISEMENTS IN THIS ISSUE OF THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS, AND IN EVERY SUBSEQUENT ISSUE UP TO DECEMBER 24, DECIDE WHICH YOU THINK IS THE BEST, AND WRITE A SHORT LETTER GIVING THE REASONS FOR YOUR DECISION. LETTERS MUST REACH THE ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER NOT LATER THAN JANUARY 1, 1932, AND MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A CUTTING OF THE ADVERTISEMENT YOU HAVE CHOSEN, AND AN ENTRY FORM (PRINTED ELSEWHERE IN THIS ISSUE).

A PRIZE OF \$50.00.

WILL BE GIVEN TO THE WRITER OF THE BEST LETTER.

The Winning Letter, and the advertisement securing most votes, will be published in the Hong Kong Daily Press on January 7, 1932.

WE ARE ALSO OFFERING A PRIZE OF \$10.00 EACH WEEK UP TO CHRISTMAS, FOR THE BEST LETTER GIVING YOUR REASONS FOR YOUR CHOICE OF WHAT YOU CONSIDER TO HAVE BEEN THE BEST ADVERTISEMENT DURING THE PREVIOUS WEEK. LETTERS, ACCOMPANIED BY A CUTTING OF THE ADVERTISEMENT CHOSEN, AND AN ENTRY FORM, MUST REACH THE ADVERTISEMENT MANAGER NOT LATER THAN THE FOLLOWING DATES:—

10.—1st Competition—Best advertisement between November 23 and 28. Letters must be received not later than December 2. The winning letter and advertisement securing the most votes will be published in the Hong Kong Daily Press on Monday, December 7.

10.—2nd Competition—Best advertisement between November 30 and December 5. Letters must be received by December 9, results published December 14.

10.—3rd Competition—Best advertisement between December 7 and 12. Letters must be received by December 16, results published December 21.

10.—4th Competition—Best advertisement between December 14 and 19. Letters must be received by December 23, results published December 30.

10.—5th Competition—Best advertisement between December 21 and 25. Letters must be received by December 30, results published January 4.

50.—Competition—Best advertisement between November 23 and December 25. Letters must be received by January 1, 1932, results published January 7.

The Editor's Decision is Final.

No correspondence will be entered into.

(No member of the staff of the HONG KONG DAILY PRESS is eligible for this competition).



### SAVINGS ARE CONSTANT THE YEAR 'ROUND

FOR just a few dollars down, you can place a General Electric Refrigerator in your kitchen tomorrow. Savings begin immediately. The economies you effect in preventing food spoilage, utilizing "left-overs" and marketing at quantity prices will quickly pay the modest monthly installment. Buy your General Electric this fall. Lower prices are now coupled with a 3-Year Guarantee on all models.

### GENERAL ELECTRIC ALL-STEEL REFRIGERATOR

Domestic, Apartment House and Commercial Refrigerators, Electric Water Coolers

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The Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.  
The General Electric Co. (China), Ltd.  
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#### SHIPBUILDERS.

#### SHIP REPAIRERS.

#### BOILER MAKERS.

#### FORGE MASTERS.

#### OXY-ACETYLENE AND

#### ELECTRIC WELDERS.

#### MECHANICAL AND

#### ELECTRICAL

#### ENGINEERS.

#### —DRY DOCK—

Length 787 Feet.

Length on Blocks 750 Feet.

Depth on Centre of

Sill (H.W.O.S.T.) 34 ft. 6 ins.

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Capable of Handling Ships Up

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### CHRISTMAS COMPETITION

#### ENTRY FORM

#### 4th \$10 Competition

To the advertising manager

THE HONG KONG DAILY PRESS

11, ICE HOUSE STREET, HONG KONG.

my opinion the attached is the best advertisement which has appeared in the Hong Kong Daily Press between the dates of December 14 and December 19. I enclose a letter giving reasons for my choice. I have read the conditions of this competition and agree to abide by them.

Signed

MR.

MRS.

MISS

Address



## ADVERTISED SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG

## DAILY SHARE QUOTATIONS

## HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS ASSOCIATION

THURSDAY, DEC. 24.				THURSDAY, DEC. 24.			
Buyers	Sellers	Value	Nominal	Buyers	Sellers	Value	Nominal
Banks							
...	\$1,000	\$7,480	...	H.K. Banks	...	...	\$1,010
...	...	...	2103	Do. (London)	...	...	...
...	...	...	2104	Chartered Banks	...	211	...
...	...	...	2176	Mercantile Bks. "A"	...	...	219
...	...	...	277	Do.	...	29	...
...	...	...	2128	Rank of East Asia	...	...	2129
...	...	...	...	N. C. & S. Banks	...	...	88
Insurance							
...	...	...	\$1,450	Canton Insurance...	\$1,300	...	...
...	...	...	\$4,300	Underwriters	\$4,70	...	...
...	...	...	...	North Chinese	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$420	Union Insurance...	\$400	...	...
...	...	...	...	Yangtze Insurance	...	...	...
...	...	...	6080	China Fires	\$500	...	...
...	...	...	\$1,450	H.K. Fires	\$1,300	...	...
Shipping							
\$25	...	...	...	Steamships	...	...	287
...	...	...	394	Donaboots	...	...	225
...	...	...	326	Indos (prof.)	...	...	85
...	...	...	326	Do. (dell.)	...	...	80
\$24	...	...	34/4	Shell Transports	...	...	65
...	...	...	...	Water-boats	...	...	327
Mining							
...	\$2	...	211	Benguet	...	...	212
...	...	...	27/8	Yamato Gold Flds.	\$1,25	...	...
...	...	...	...	Kailash	...	...	30
...	...	...	\$4.00	Langkine (comb.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$2.70	Do. (single)	...	...	\$2.90
...	...	...	T.24	Explorations	...	...	\$2.40
...	...	...	...	Shanghai Loans	...	...	T.40
...	\$40	...	...	Hauba	...	240	...
...	...	...	...	Troch Mines	...	...	12.9
Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.							
\$153	...	...	...	H.K. & K. Wharves	...	...	\$158
\$5.30	...	\$5.35	...	Providencia (old)	\$5.35	\$5.20	40
\$2.86	...	...	...	Do. (new)	\$2.40	...	...
...	...	...	229	H.K. Docks	...	...	329
...	...	...	210	S. China Motors "A"	...	...	210
...	...	...	212	Do. "B"	...	...	\$10
...	...	...	T.85	Shanghai Docks	...	...	T.85
...	...	...	T.81	New Engineerings	...	...	T.84
...	...	...	T.236	Hongkew	...	...	...
Lands, Hotels, and Buildings							
\$15.20	...	15.80	35	H.K. Hotels (old)	\$15	15.30	35
\$14	...	...	...	Do. (new)	\$14.5	...	...
\$81	...	...	...	H.K. Lands	\$80	...	...
...	...	...	T.20	Shanghai Lands	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$11.70	H.K. Realty	\$11.70	...	...
...	...	...	218	Humphreys (old)	219	...	...
...	...	...	2172	Do. (new)	215	...	...
\$95	...	...	...	Chinese Estates	...	...	...
Cotton Mills							
...	...	...	T.15.40	Kwong	T.15	...	...
...	...	...	T.82	Shai Cottons	...	...	T.82
...	...	...	T.12	Zoong Sings	...	...	T.12
Public Utilities							
\$214	...	...	...	Tramways	\$214	\$214	40
...	...	...	214	Park Trams (old)	...	...	214
...	...	...	271	Do. (new)	...	...	...
...	...	...	\$282	Star Ferries	\$284	...	...
...	...	...	282	Yamato Ferries	282	...	...
\$77	...	...	\$274	China Lights	\$272	...	...
...	...	...	...	H.K. Electric	278	...	...
...	...	...	222	Macao do	...	...	...
...	...	...	212	Sandakan Lights	...	...	...
...	...	...	215	Telephones (fully pd.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	Do. (part pd.)	229	...	...
...	...	...	T.17.80	China Buses	...	...	...
...	...	...	6/	Traction	...	...	7/
...	...	...	19/	Do. (pref.)	...	...	...
Industrials							
...	...	...	60.50	China Sugars	...	...	...
...	...	...	339	Malabon Sugars	...	...	338
...	...	...	T.14	Sidaback (pref.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	T.104	Macagora (pref.)	...	...	...
...	...	...	251	Canton Ice	252	...	...
\$19.30	...	19.20	...	Cements (comb.)	19.40	19.50	19/
\$12	...	...	...	Do.	...	...	45
...	...	...	96	Do. (new)	12	...	16
\$18	...	21	...	Ropes	2172	...	...
Miscellaneous							
\$284	...	...	...	Dairy Farms	...	...	\$284
\$19.50	...	...	21	Der A. Wages	...	...	...
...	...	...	217	Amusements (old)	...	...	219
...	...	...	318	Do. (new)	161	...	...
\$35.55	...	...	...	Constructions, (old)	...	...	...
\$1.90	...	...	...	Do. (new)	21.00	22.00	22
...	...	...	28.80	Lane Crawford (old)	...	...	...
...	...	...	26.10	Do. (new)	...	...	...
...	...	...	219	Mackintosh	...	...	...
...	...	...	2164	Nanyang Tobacco...	242	...	...
...	...	...	...	Bincove	216	2192	...
...	...	...	22.60	Watsons	...	...	...
...	...	...	210	Wm. Powells	...	...	...
...	...	...	210	M. C. Enterprises	...	39	38.80
...	...	...	237	B. Ind. G. Boods	287	...	...
...	...	...	212	H.K. G. L. Loans	2102	...	...



# CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

AMOI & DALNY	CHENAN	On 26th Dec.	D.L.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	SHENHUA	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
SWATOW & BANGKOK	KWANGCHOW	On 27th Dec.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG & BANGKOK	KAYING	On 28th Dec.	8 p.m.
HONGKONG & HAIPHONG	KWANGTUNG	On 28th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	SOOCHOW	On 29th Dec.	10 a.m.
WHAMPOA, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN	KUEICHO	On 29th Dec.	10 a.m.
NIAGPO & TIENTSIN	NEUOHOW	On 29th Dec.	5 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	TAIYUAN	On 30th Dec.	5 p.m.
DALNY	TEAN	On 30th Dec.	5 p.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	KINGYUAN	On 1st Jan.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	KINGCHOW	On 1st Jan.	5 p.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & BANGKOK	ANTUNG	On 3rd Jan.	7 a.m.
SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	SHANTUNG	On 3rd Jan.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	SUIYANG	On 5th Jan.	10 a.m.
SWATOW, WHAMPOA	CHIEFOO & TIENTSIN	On 8th Jan.	10 a.m.
HONGKONG, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	KINGYUAN	On 15th Jan.	5 p.m.

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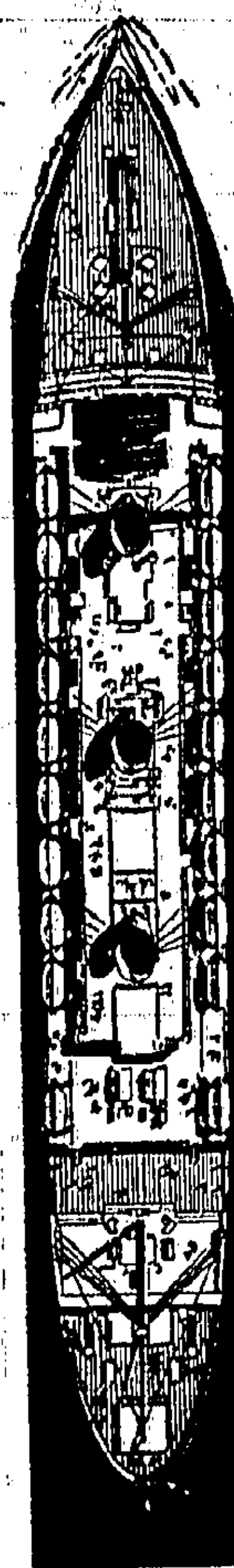
DECEMBER 23, 1931.															DECEMBER 24, 1931.														
STATION	Hour of Day	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND		WIND FORCE (Beaufort)	WIND STATE (Clouds)	BAROMETER AT SEA LEVEL		TEMPERATURE	WIND DIRECTION	WIND		WIND FORCE (Beaufort)	WIND STATE (Clouds)												
		Inches	Mills.			Inches	Mills.			Inches	Mills.			Inches	Mills.														
Wladivostok	12	30.43	772.7	19	...	NNE	3	b	...	30.34	770.5	12	...	N	5	b	...												
Nomuro	11	30.20	767.0	...	...	NW	1	...	...	30.16	766.0	...	...	N	1	...	...												
Hakodate	"	30.26	768.8	...	...	NW	1	...	...	30.18	768.5	...	...	N	...	...	...												
Tokio	"	30.19	766.5	...	...	NNE	1	...	...	30.14	764.5	...	...	N	...	...	...												
Kobe	"	30.14	765.5	...	...	N	1	...	...	30.10	764.5	...	...	N	1	...	...												
Nagasaki	"	30.24	765.0	...	...	N	1	...	...	30.20	767.0	...	...	N	1	0	...												
Kagoshima	"	30.20	767.0	...	...	ESE	N	...	...	30.18	768.5	...	...	N	0	...	...												
Oshima	"	30.18	766.5	...	...	N	2	...	...	30.14	765.5	...	...	NNW	2	...	...												
Naha	"	30.18	766.5	...	...	N	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Ishigakijima	"	30.22	767.5	...	...	NE	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Bonin Island	"	29.95	761.5	...	...	N	2	...	...	29.92	760.0	...	...	ESE	1	...	...												
Chesoo	15	30.51	774.9	39	...	NW	7	o	...	30.43	773.9	34	...	NW	6	o	...												
Shanghai	14	30.50	774.6	47	...	N	2	o	...	30.51	775.0	33	...	NW	6	o	...												
Amoy	"	30.50	774.6	50	...	NNW	4	b	...	30.50	774.7	36	...	NNW	6	b	...												
Wenchow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Foochow	"	30.28	769.1	63	...	E	2	o	...	30.26	768.4	59	...	NE	3	...	...												
Amoy	"	30.25	768.3	67	...	ESE	4	b	...	30.27	768.6	64	...	NE	4	b	...												
Swatow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Taiho	11	30.32	770.1	59	...	N	0	...	...	30.28	768.6	56	...	N	0	...	...												
Taihu	"	30.23	766.6	63	...	N	4	b	...	30.18	766.6	56	...	N	2	b	...												
Tainan	"	30.20	767.9	70	...	NNE	4	b	...	30.14	765.6	56	...	N	4	b	...												
Koshun	"	30.14	766.9	74	...	NE	4	bd	...	30.10	764.5	65	...	NNE	2	b	...												
Pescadores	"	30.34	768.0	67	...	NNE	6	c	...	30.17	763.2	61	...	NNE	6	o	...												
Hong Kong	14	30.19	766.7	68	...	N	8	b	...	30.22	767.6	64	...	N	1	o	...												
Gap Rock	"	30.21	767.2	65	...	ESE	4	b	...	30.21	767.3	67	...	N	7	o	...												
Macao	"	30.19	766.7	67	...	N	4	b	...	30.20	767.0	62	...	NE	4	b	...												
Hoilow	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...												
Prata Island	"	30.18	765.2	70	...	NE	6	o	...	30.13	765.4	68	...	NE	6	o	...												
Phulien	15	30.20	767.2	72	...	N	0	o	...	30.22	767.8	65	...	ESE	3	o	...												
Tourane	"	30.09	764.3	75	...	E	4	o	...	30.04	763.5	70	...	N	3	r	...												
Cape St. James	"	29.96	759.4	79	...	ESE	6	be	...	29.93	760.2	72	...	NNR	3	o	...												
Basco	14	30.04	763.0	72	...	ESE	4	o	...	30.01	762.3	69	...	N	1	o	...												
Apurri	"	29.99	761.9	78	...	N	4	o	...	29.98	761.8	68	...	W	2	b	...												
Tuguegarao	"	29.97	761.2	77	...	N	4	o	...	29.97	761.2	67	...	...	0	o	...												
Vigan	"	29.98	759.0	83	...	NW	4	b	...	29.90	759.6	65	...	...	0	b	...												
Manila	"	29.90	759.4	83	...	NN	2	b	...	29.92	760.0	68	...	...	0	b	...												
Legaspi	"	29.87	758.6	85	...	NNE	4	b	...	29.87	758.6	77	...	N	4	o	...												
Calbayog	"	29.85	758.2	85	...	NNE	4	bd	...	29.88	758.5	70	...	...	0	o	...												
Tacloban	"	29.83	757.7	85	...	N	4	b	...	29.88	758.5	76	...	NW	2	b	...												
Boilo	"	29.80	757.0	85	...	N	6	o	...	29.84	757.3	72	...	N	4	o	...												
Cebu	"	29.80	757.0	86	...	NNE	4	b	...	29.84	757.8	74	...	N	2	b	...												
Surigao	"	29.81	757.1	83	...	N	4	b	...	29.82	757.3	77	...	N	4	b	...												
Saipan	11.00	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	756.4	75	...	ESE	1	...	...												
Guan	12.22	29.73	755.2	...	...	SE	2	be	4.22	29.72	755.6	...	...	...	0	...	...												
Yap	11.00	29.74	755.3	...	...	ESE	2	be	5	29.77	756.1	76	...	...	0	...	...												
Pelaw	"	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.76	755.9	78	...	...	0	...	...												
Labuan	14	29.94	763.6	65	...	N	6	be	6	29.90	759.3	74	...	E	...	...	...												

December 24d. 10h. 47m.—The anticyclone appears to be central to the north of the lower Yangtze Valley. Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1, 79.35 inches, against an average of 82.56 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON DECEMBER 25.

DISTRICT.	FORECAST.
A.—Shanghai to Turnabout .....	N.E. winds, strong; fine to cloudy.
B.—Turnabout to Hong Kong .....	
C.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock .....	N.E. winds, fresh; fine to cloudy.
D.—Hong Kong to Hainan Straits .....	
E.—North China Sea .....	N.E. winds, fresh; generally overcast.





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## Shipping News

Daily Statement, Waterfront News, etc.

### YESTERDAY'S FREIGHT RETURNS.

IMPORTS 9,047 TONS;  
THROUGH CARGO  
32,641 TONS.

The returns, shown at the Harbour Office, of vessels carrying cargo to the Colony during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Cargo for Through

British H.K. Ports.

Antenor, Dairen 1 4,849

Somali, Yokohama 20 4,000

Loganbank, Baltimore 731 2,585

Tsinan, Canton — 500

Kwaiyang, Bangkok 1,600 87

Kayin, Bangkok 1,452 —

Dikera, Bassin — 4,900

French, Portos, Marseilles 246 1,725

German, Kulmerland, Hamburg 317 7,320

Norman, Thelma, Miri — 7,476

Japanese, Hosi Maru, Keelung 3,350 —

— 3,380 —

Total 9,047 32,641

### ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

The arrivals and departures during the 24 hours ending at 9 a.m. yesterday were:—

Arr. Dep.

British 7 9

French 1 0

German 1 1

Japanese 2 3

Chinese 1 0

Norwegian 1 2

Dutch 0 2

Total 13 14

### SHIPS IN HARBOUR.

The following merchant vessels were in port yesterday:—

Wharves.

Kowloon—Kulmerland.

Secony—Lachikok—Corona.

Jardine Matheson's—Hangsang.

O.S.K.—Hosan Maru.

Douglas Lapraik—Haiching.

Docks.

Kowloon—Vei Maru, Limchow.

Yuan Geng, Gil Eanes, Kwaisang.

Taikoo—C. H. Riviere, Chichibu.

Maru, Kwangchow, Hong Hwa.

Taiyuan, Sinkiang.

### Buoys.

No. A1.—Tjinegara.  
No. A2.—Somali.  
No. A11.—Logan Bank.  
No. B3.—Kaying.  
No. B8.—Helios.  
No. B9.—Feng Lee.  
No. B10.—Bintang.  
No. B11.—Albert Sarraut.  
No. B14.—Kwaiyang.  
No. B16.—Fingal.  
No. B23.—Menado Maru.  
No. B24.—Hosi Maru.  
No. B26.—Apocoy.  
No. B27.—St. Dunstan.  
No. C1.—Clara Jensen.  
No. C3.—Borneo.

### WARSHIPS IN PORT.

The following warships are in port:—

Basin.—Tamar.

North Wall.—Sirdar, Sterling.

Serapis.

South Wall.—Bruce, Marazion.

East Wall.—Herald, Olympus.

Persus, Seawey.

North Arm.—Kent.

West Wall.—Suffolk, Cornflower.

Dock.—Oswald, Orpheus, Phoenix.

Buoy No. 1.—Hermes.

Buoy No. 2.—Medway and Sub.

marines.

Buoy No. 3.—Cumberland.

Buoy No. 6.—Cornwall.

Foreign.—Portuguese transport

Gil Eanes; French gunboat Argus;

U.S.S. Mindanzo.

### THE IMPLACABLE FOR PORTSMOUTH.

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Portsmouth, November 23.—The famous old seventy-four gun ship Implacable, which was captured from the French and has rendered fine service in the Royal Navy, is to be removed from Falmouth to Portsmouth in the spring and used as a holiday training vessel for boys from all parts of the country.

As funds permit she will be restored to her original state as a ship of the line. Already about £30,000 have been spent on her. She is stated to be fairly tight below water-line and it is believed that the main deck is tight, but other parts of the vessel need reconstruction.

The Admiralty have granted a permanent berth for her in Fareham Creek above Figgard. Implacable and Victory are the only survivors of Trafalgar.

### VESSELS' MOVEMENTS.

The s.s. Crucevia sailed from Shanghai on Wednesday afternoon and is due here on Saturday morning. She will sail for Singapore and Italy as 10 a.m. on Sunday. The m.v. Col. di Lana sailed from Bombay on December 21 and is expected here on January 11. The s.s. Pilema sailed from Aden on December 22 and is expected here on January 12.

### ARRIVALS.

December 22.

Kaitangata, British str., 1,202 tons, Capt. Thomson, from Sanurinda, buoy No. B24.—Williamson & Co.

Kwaiyang, British str., 1,580 tons, Capt. A. Cook, from Hoihow, buoy No. B14.—B. & S.

Terukuni Maru, Japanese str., 7,150 tons, Capt. S. Oya, from Singapore, Kowloon Wharf.—N.Y.K.

Tjinegara, Dutch str., 5,783 tons, Capt. P. Weide, from Ig. Pandan, buoy No. A1.—J.C.J.L.

December 23.

Borneo, British str., 1,597 tons, Capt. R. A. Pritchard, from Pakhoi, buoy No. C3.—Shan Tai & Co.

Dikera, British str., 1,674 tons, Capt. Young, from Singapore, Yauwatti Anchorage.—M.B.K.

Feng Lee, Chinese str., 1,205 tons, Capt. Yamaji, from Canton, buoy No. B9.—Loong Tai Hong.

Hanyang, British str., 1,207 tons, Capt. C. Harris-Walker, from Canton, buoy No. B21.—B. & S.

Hosan Maru, Japanese str., 1,383 tons, Capt. H. Oyama, from Swatow, O.S.K. Wharf.—O.S.K.

Hydrangea, British str., 561 tons, Capt. P. W. Grieron, from Swatow, Chiu On Wharf.—Chiu On & Co.

Kaying, British str., 1,572 tons, Capt. J. D. Fraser, from Swatow, buoy No. B3.—B. & S.

Portos, French str., 1,530 tons, Capt. Coriolsa, from Shanghai, buoy No. A2.—M. & Co.

Prominent, Norwegian str., 1,377 tons, Capt. H. Jensen, from Canton, Kowloon Dock.—K. Larsen & Co.

Szechuen, British str., 1,564 tons, Capt. S. M. Barling, from Swatow, buoy No. B20.—B. & S.

Thelma, Norwegian str., 3,428 tons, Capt. B. Haugland, from Miri, North Point.—A.P.C.

Tsinan, British str., 2,100 tons, Capt. W. Shaw, from Canton, buoy No. B15.—B. & S.

Van Heutz, Dutch str., 2,748 tons, Capt. Blitz, from Singapore, buoy No. A7.—J.C.J.L.

### CLEARANCES.

December 23.

Akibasan Maru, for Milke.

Antenor, for Singapore.

Canton, for Haiphong.

Dikera, for Shanghai.

Feng Lee, for Dairen.

Glenbeg, for Singapore.

Glenagur, for Shanghai.

Halvard, for Saigon.

Hanyang, for Shanghai.

Hanusan Maru, for Hongkong.

Himalaya Maru, for Shanghai.

Kaitangata, for Canton.

Kanoria, for Singapore.

Portos, for Saigon.

Prosper, for Saigon.

Sandviken, for Swatow.

Seistan, for Singapore.

Shinyo Maru, for Shanghai.

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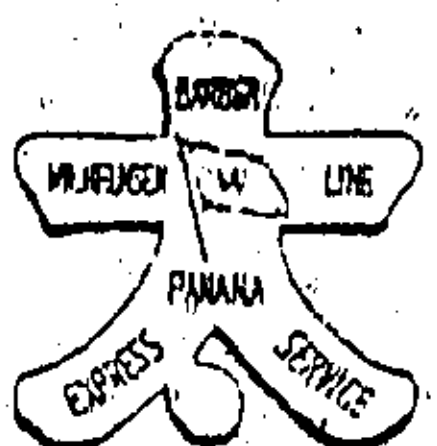
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"HECTOR" 20th Jan., For Marseilles, London, Rotterdam & Glasgow.

## LIVERPOOL SERVICE.

"AGAPENOR" 10th Jan., For Port Said, Genoa, Havre and Liverpool.  
"ANTIOCHUS" 20th Jan., For Port Said, Liverpool, Havre and Glasgow.

## NEW YORK SERVICE.

"HEXENOR" 5th Jan., For Boston, New York & Baltimore via Philippines, Port Swettenham & Singapore.

## PACIFIC SERVICE (via KOBE &amp; YOKOHAMA).

"TYNDAREUS" 16th Jan., For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.  
"PROTEUS" 13th Feb., For Victoria, Vancouver & Seattle.

## INWARD SERVICE.

"HEXENOR" 29th Dec., For S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.  
"TITAN" 29th Dec., For S'hai, Kobe & Yokohama.

All cargo steamers with limited passenger accommodation at specially reduced fares.  
For freight, passage rates and information apply to the undermentioned.  
All bookings are subject to the provisions of the Company's Bills of Lading.

Butterfield &amp; Swire,

## EXCHANGE.

## CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

December 24, 1931.

On London	1/16
Telegraphic Transfer	1/16
Bank Bills, on demand	1/16 5/16
Bank Bills, 4 months	1/16
8 months	1/16 7/16
12 months	1/16
Documents, 4 months	1/16
8 months	1/16
12 months	1/16
On Paris	1/16
Bank Bills, on demand	82 1/2
Credit, 4 months	82 1/2
8 months	82 1/2
12 months	82 1/2
On New York	24 1/2
Bank Bills, on demand	24 1/2
Credit, 30 days	24 1/2
60 days	24 1/2
90 days	24 1/2
On Bombay	96
Telegraphic Transfer	96
Bank, on demand	96
On Calcutta	96
Telegraphic Transfer	96
Bank, on demand	96
On Shanghai	11 3/4
Bank, at sight	11 3/4
On Yokohama	80 nom.
On demand	80 nom.
On Manila	49 1/2
On demand	49 1/2
On Batavia	61 1/2
On demand	61 1/2
On Haiphong	32
On demand	32
On Saigon	183 1/2
On demand	183 1/2
Sovereigns, Bank's Buying Rate	16 1/4
BAR SILVER, per oz.	10 15/16

## HONG KONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Incorporated in Hong Kong.

Authorized Capital \$50,000,000  
Issued & Fully Paid-up \$30,000,000  
Reserve Funds \$25,000,000  
Sterling \$10,000,000  
Silver \$10,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$20,000,000

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## CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA.

Incorporated in India.

Authorized Capital \$20,000,000  
Issued & Fully Paid-up \$10,000,000  
Reserve Funds \$10,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$10,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: LONDON.

Agencies and Branches:

Alor Star, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yokohama

Amoy, Hong Kong, Shanghai, Yokohama

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## THE AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY, LTD.

Incorporated in the U.S.A.

Authorized Capital \$10,000,000  
Issued & Fully Paid-up \$5,000,000  
Reserve Funds \$5,000,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$5,000,000

HEAD OFFICE: NEW YORK.

Branches:

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